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EVACUATION OF CIVILIANS, WOUNDED  
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SUBJECT:- Ammalati feriti civili.

A.M.G.,  
H.Q.,  
A.C.M.F.

ME/695/49

Generale Umberto Utili,  
Missione Militare Italiana,  
A.C.M.F.

31st January 1944

May a reply please be given to this H.Q. letter ME/695/49  
dated 22 Jan 44.

ASCT  
Colonel,  
Director of Public Health.

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SUBJECT:- Sick and Wounded Civilians.

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A.M.G.,  
HQ., ACMEF.

AMC/695/48.

24 Jan 44.

General S. Brisotto,  
Ufficio Raccolta Avvicinamento Profughi,  
Via da Rossi 117,  
Bari.

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In further reply to your 101 of 13 Jan 44.

1. We have discussed with our representatives at the Eighth Army the question of using the military hospitals suggested by you.
2. Although it is true that the reception of these patients at such hospitals would simplify your problems, we regret that it is not possible at this time to make such arrangements for their distribution.
3. It is regretted that it is not possible conveniently to discuss these matters in person with you since the location of this headquarters has now changed.

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RS for  
Colonel,  
Director of Public Health.

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6958/22 JAN 1944

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SUBJECT: Destination of Civilian Wounded

AMG. H.Q. Eighth Army

OM/17

19 January 1944

~~D.D.M.S. Eighth Army  
A.D.M.S. 86 Area  
A.D.M.S. 60 Sub Area~~

1. AMG. 15 Army Group has informed me that Ambulance Drivers arriving at Bari with civilian wounded should report to the Bari Royal University Building, Via Crisanzio, which is managed by the Italian Red Cross.

2. In the event of any large scale evacuation of Civilian cases to Bari, the AMG 15 Army Group should be informed beforehand.

Copy to AMG. H.Q. 15 Army Group

*C. J. Farinacci*  
C.J. Farinacci, Lt. Col., M.C.,  
D.D.P.H.,  
Medical Section,  
AMG. H.Q. Eighth Army Main.

*W. J. Farinacci*  
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*MP*

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22 JAN 1944

SUBJECT: Destination of Civilian Wounded

A.G.H.Q. Eighth Army

OA/17

A.G.H.Q. 15 Army Group

19 January 1944.

1. In reply to your AMG/695/28 of 15 Jan.44 and AMG/695/23 of 6 Jan.44, I feel that General Brisotti's proposal to use the hospitals of San Severo, Lucera, and Canosa as reception centres for patients being evacuated from 8th Army front is not practicable under the present available Ambulance Service. Such scattered Ambulance centres would entail a large ambulance evacuation organisation which would require trained personnel.

2. Since AMG. of 8th Army has neither the personnel nor the Ambulances and since AMG. is dependent upon the 8th Army for the evacuation of the Civilian wounded, I am of the opinion that Bari should continue to be used as the Reception Centre.

C.J. Farinacci

C.J. Farinacci, Lt. Col., M.C.,  
D.D.P.H.,

Medical Section,  
A.G.H.Q. Eighth Army Main.

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OGGETTO: Ammalati o feriti civili.

Allied Military Government,  
H.Q., A.C.M.F.,  
C.B.F.

Al: Generale Umberto Utali,  
Missione Militare Italiana,  
15 Army Group.

AMG/695/AS.

22. Jan. 44.

Questo ufficio ha ricevuto, dal Governo Alleato Militare con la Quinta Armata, una richiesta riguardante la data della vostra visita nel loro ospedale.

2. Vuole ~~lei~~ cortesemente informarci quando sarà possibile recarvi in detta zona.

*JS*  
Colonel,  
Director of Public Health.

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Subject: Blood for wounded civilians.

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Allied Military Government,  
R.G., A.C.M.F.,  
C.M.F.

TO: Hq. AM. 5 Army.  
" " 6 Army.  
" " Region IV.

AM/695/14.  
12 Jan 44.

We have been informed by Region III that an Italian organization of blood donors already exists and is called "The Association of Blood Givers".

2. Needless to say, proper use of this Association might lessen demands on Army Medical Units for blood or plasma for wounded civilians.

CS.  
Colonel,  
Director Public Health.

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

TO : Colonel Cheyne  
SUBJECT : Blood for Wounded Civilians.  
Ref. No.: PH/16/94  
Date : 13/1/44

1. An Italian organisation of Blood Donors already exists and has been assisted recently by recommendations for the issue of additional food.

2. I feel quite sure that if blood or plasma is required the organisation referred to, which is called The Association of Blood Givers, will only be glad to provide it.

*W. H. Crichton*  
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W.H. CRICHTON  
Colonel  
Public Health & Welfare Div.

WHC/csk

MS.

MS

*Superintendent*  
*August 15 Ann*  
*Mr. [unclear]*

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Subject: A. reciations.

13 JAN 1944

506 H.Q., A.M.G.

8th Army.

OA/138 / - .  
10 Jan 44.

H.Q., A.M.G.  
15 Army Group.

1. I would like to bring to your attention a letter written by the Director of the Civil Hospital at Campobasso to the Prefect of Campobasso together with one written by the Prefect to Colonel Morgan, translations of both letters are attached. 21

2. D.D.M.S. 8 Army forwarded me the letter from the Prefect to Col. Morgan with a request that I send it on with a view to it being put before the Italian Government. A copy of letter of D.D.M.S. is also attached. 23

3. May whatever action you consider necessary be taken in this matter. I would mention several weeks ago on hearing of the good work done by Col. Morgan, I wrote him a personal note of thanks from A.M.G. 8th Army.

Pass  
To SecA o..  
RS.

19. Jan 44  
Pm

Group Captain.  
Officer Commanding,  
H.Q., A.M.G. Eighth Army Main.

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SUBJECT: A. Appreciations.

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REAR HQ EIGHTH ARMY CAMP.

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R 4253 M

8 Jan. 44.

A.M.G.O.F.  
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Reference conversation BENSON - PHILLIPS, 7th  
inst.

1. I forward herewith in original two letters of  
congratulations received by

Lt. Col. J. MORGAN I.M.S., A.D.H. 13 Corps,

who did so much to organise the excellent arrangements  
for the treatment of sick and wounded civilians in  
CAMPOBASSO.

2. It was entirely due to his work and organisation  
that the sufferings of a large number of Italian civilians  
were alleviated, and I feel his work is deserving of high  
recognition by the Italian Government.

3. Will you please return letters after perusal.

L. PHILLIPS,

Brigadier  
D.D.M.S. EIGHTH ARMY.

Jld.

COPY.  
TRANSLATION.

PREFECT OF CAMPOBASSO.

COLONEL MORGAN

The Director of the Civil Hospital of this town has spoken to me about what you have done, with so much love and self-denial, for so many invalids, thus reaffirming the sentiment of brotherly affection which has always united the Great Allied Powers to our Country.

It is very pleasant to me to send you - also in the name of the people of this Province - this expression of my most lively gratitude and my cordial greetings.

(Sgd) A. Salvatore.

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COPY.

Carm. LUIGI Prof. MONTALBO

Docente di Patologia speciale chirurgica  
nella R. Università di Napoli

Chirurgo Primario  
Direttore dell'Ospedale Civile  
CAMPOLASSO

Telef. Interp. 101

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE PREFECT  
for the Province

CAMPOLASSO

Excellency,

The English medical group, dependent on Capt. Gow leaves  
the Civil Hospital today after some weeks of collaboration.

You, Excellency, the only Italian Authority who, during  
the intense period of the battle, has always been at my side for the  
good of the poor wounded, know perfectly that, in those tragic hours,  
the Hospital multiplied its own strength to meet the grave wants of  
that moment.

Since the Hospital was most damaged on the upper floor  
by the artillery shells, and we were constrained to work only on  
the ground floor, I with the staff of the Hospital had to perform  
my duty at any hour, at any moment, in very uneasy conditions. It  
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ill was a severe drain on resources and the supply of medicines and  
food diminished much. Especially because we had at the same time  
to give assistance to the hundreds of officers, under officers and  
soldiers, fleeing from the German lines, and to civil population of  
Campobasso.

This state of things, which put into serious trouble the  
hospital life, was aggravated by physical exhaustion, which had fallen  
on me and my valiant assistants after the intense ceaseless work.

The English Authorities were thoroughly acquainted with  
it, and, intervening in time, intrusted the valiant Capt. Gow with  
the temporary management of the Hospital, which is now given back  
to its serene past tranquility.

Well, I cannot let this wonderful work of affectionate  
and perfect collaboration pass over in silence; work which the  
English Authorities have done. I have besides to say with the sincerest  
frankness that all, from the chiefs to the soldiers of the R.A.M.C.,  
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All has been accomplished by our allies with true spirit of charity with largeness of means and the well known noble behaviour which is their chief endowment.

I have esteemed it my strict duty, Excellency, to communicate you what I have said and I venture to beg you would be so kind as to express, in the name of all the hospital staff, the sentiments of the strongest gratitude to Colonel Farinacci, Colonel Morgan, the Chief Surgeon Salisbury, Major Auld, Major Buchanan, Capt. Lester, Capt. Gow, the Sisters Gordon and MacLellan, and to the twenty valiant hospital attendants.

My Best thanks and regards,

The Director.  
(Prof. Luigi Montalbo).

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SUBJECT:- Italian Military Aid to Civilians.

H.Q., A.M.G.,  
15 Army Group,  
C.M.F.

AMG/508/20

General Umberto Utili.

1st January 1944.

In confirmation of our very pleasant meeting of 27th December 1943, I should like to say that it is my understanding that:-

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1. You will go into the forward areas soon and see for yourself medical conditions among civilians and present facilities for treating civilian wounded.
2. You will agree to the attachment to each A.M.G., Fifth and Eighth Armies, of five medical officers.
3. A mobile Italian medical unit, adequate for the care of 100 bed patients, can be furnished by your army and is prepared to go forward when ordered. One such unit is likely to be required for the Fifth and Eighth Armies.
4. The question of the availability of ambulances for this work is being explored.
5. I count on your continued interest in this very much needed work.

JSC

AMG  
1/15

Colonel,  
Director of Public Health.

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IMMEDIATE  
TELEPRINTER MESSAGE  
IN

FOLIO NO: 020 85  
5 DEC 43

FROM: REAR EIGHTH ARMY.  
TO: MAIN 15 ARMY GP  
ORIG NO: MED 1104

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FOR AMG RPTD MEDICAL. FURTHER EIGHTH ARMY SIGNAL  
0A154 OF 3. SIGNAL ETA COL CHEYNE.

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TO : HIGHTENED FOR AND AID D.D.M.S.  
FROM : PLANT FROM AID.

Originator's No. PA 396 13 5 Dec.

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SECRET (.) Reference GA/154 of 3 Dec (.) Lt.Col. PARAHACI  
will contact Provincial Health Office, POCOLA, immediately and  
obtain from his medical assistance, doctors, nurses and  
medical equipment, transport for cases, from towns more  
favourably situated in this respect and will take all necessary  
steps to assist military medical authorities 8th Army (.)  
Colonel Cheyne visits 8th Army D.D.M.S. at VASTO eighth (.)  
Impossible come earlier (.)  
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If liable to interception this  
message should be sent IN CLEAR.

.....Colonel.

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PIA  
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IMMEDIATE  
RR TELEPRINT MESSAGE  
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FOIA b1, b7D  
3 DEC 43

FROM: 1 AMG 3 ARMY  
TO: 1 FILPOT FOR AMG  
RPTD DDMS REAR 3 ARMY  
ORIG NO: 0N/154

ACTION  
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TOP. MIL.  
THI. 1808/3  
TOR. 1425A/3.

UP TO 50 REFUGEE WOUNDED HAVE TO BE EVACUATED FROM MILITARY HOSPITALS IN VASTO DUE TO MILITARY REQUIREMENTS. CIVILIAN HOSPITAL HAS MAXIMUM CAPACITY 20 AND ARE INADEQUATELY STAFFED WITH VOLUNTARY STAFF WITHOUT NECESSARY SURGICAL FACILITIES THEREFORE OBVIOUSLY CANNOT ACCOMMODATE AND DEAL WITH REFUGEE WOUNDED. IMPERATIVE THAT ITALIAN MEDICAL UNIT BE SENT IMMEDIATELY TO VASTO TO DEAL WITH EVACUATION OF THESE WOUNDED. UNIT MUST BE FULLY EQUIPPED WITH AMBULANCES, SURGICAL DRESSINGS AND EQUIPMENT. REFUGEE WOUNDED IN CAMPOBASSO SECTION ARE BEING TREATED AT THE MOMENT IN MILITARY HOSPITALS BUT SAME SITUATION MAY ARISE THERE. DESIRE TO SEE COL. BREYER ON THIS MATTER.

ARGOT

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At 10:00 AM 8 Army are shown in Vasto today  
a note has been received from them that they are  
wishes to see COL. BREYER ON THIS MATTER.

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SUBJECT:- 92 Italian Field Hospital.

H.Q., A.M.G.,  
15 Army Group,  
C.M.F.

General S. Brisotto,  
Ufficio Raccolta Avvicinamento Profughi,  
Via de Rossi, 117  
Bari.

AMG/695/30

15th January 1944.

In confirmation of our conversation of yesterday.

1. The progress of your 92 Field Hospital to Vasto is unavoidably retarded by the present interruption in railway traffic.
2. It is understood that you will make every possible effort to secure for this unit a truck with water tank, as it will be difficult, if not impossible, for it to function without some independent source of water supply. It is regrettable that this matter was not specifically discussed before.
3. Will you please let this Headquarters know the results of your search as soon as possible.

*R.S.*  
Colonel,  
Director of Public Health.

*R.S.*

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ACTION

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SUBJECT:-

Sick and Wounded Civilians.

H.Q., A.M.C.,  
15 Army Group,  
C.I.F.

General S. Brisotto,  
Ufficio Raccolta Avvicinamento Profughi,  
Via de Rossi, 117  
Bari.

ME/695/29

15th January 44.

In reply to your 101 of 13 Jan 44.

The question of sending sick or wounded civilians to civilian hospitals other than those at Bari is being discussed with our representatives with the Eighth Army. We expect to be able to talk with you regarding this in the near future.

A.N.  
Colonel,  
Director of Public Health.

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SUBJECT:-

Destination of Civilian Wounded.

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H.Q., A.M.G.,  
15 Army Group,  
C.M.F.

H.Q.,  
A.M.G.,  
Eighth Army.

AMG/695/28

15th January 44.

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In reply to your OA/17 of 7 Jan 44.

1. Ambulance drivers arriving at Bari with civilian cases should report to the Bari Royal University Building, Via Crisanzio, which is managed by the Italian Red Cross. 23
2. As mentioned in our AMG/695/23 of 6 Jan 44, it would be appreciated if you would give us shortly your opinion of the proposal of General Brisotto that hospitals other than those at Bari be used for the reception of civilians.

R.N. Colonel,  
Director of Public Health.

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UFFICIO ACCOLTA AMMIAMENTO PROFUG

N. 101 di prot.-

14 JAN 1944  
Bari, li 13 gennaio 1944.-  
Via de Rossi, 117.-

OGGETTO: Feriti civili.-

AL H.Q. A.M.G.  
15 Army Group  
C. M. F.  
Villa Grassi

B A R I

- In risposta al vostro AMG/695/25 del 12 gennaio 1944 comunico:
- 1° - Come ho già segnalato con mio foglio n. 38 in data 3/1/1944, in Bari non vi è ora che molta limitata possibilità di ricoverare profughi ammalati o feriti. Nel caso qualcuno di questi giungesse a Bari dovrà essere avviato al pronto soccorso nei locali della R.Università - Via Crisanzio, retto dalla Croce Rossa Italiana.-
  - 2° - Gli altri ospedali dove è più conveniente inviare i profughi ammalati o feriti provenienti dal fronte dell'8ª Armata sono i seguenti:

- |                                   |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| I - Ospedale Militare e Civile di | S. Severo              |
| II - " "                          | Cerignola              |
| III - " "                         | Barletta               |
| IV - " "                          | Canosa                 |
| V - " "                           | Blisceglie             |
| VI - " "                          | Andria                 |
| VII - " "                         | Molfetta               |
| VIII - " "                        | Giovinezza             |
| IX - " "                          | Lucera (fra 15 giorni) |
- 3° - In detti ospedali possono essere lasciati gli ammalati e i feriti provenienti con autambulanza e con autocarri o a mezzo ferrovia dalla zona di operazioni. Con ciò si evita che essi, giunti a Bari, debbano poi essere rimandati agli ospedali sopradetti.-

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| VI - " " " "                      | Andria                 |
| VII - " " " "                     | Molfetta               |
| VIII - " " " "                    | Giovinazzo             |
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IL GENERALE INCARICATO  
(S. Brisotto)

*[Handwritten signature]*

UFFICIO RACCOLTA AVVIAMENTO PROFUCHI

Re-

Bari, 13 January 1944  
Via de Rossi, 117

SUBJECT = Civilian wounded

To H.Q.

A.M.G.

15 Army Group = C.M.F.

Villa Grassi

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Replying to your AMG/695/25 of the 12 th. inst. I have to state as follows:

- 1) As already informed with my letter N.38 dated 3/1/1944, at the present in Bari there is very little chance of accommodation for sick or wounded people. In case some of them should arrive at Bari, they will be sent to the first relief premises in Bari Royal University Building, Via Crisanzio, which is managed by the Italian Red Cross.
- 2) The others hospitals suitable for accommodations refugee, sick or wounded, coming from the Eight Army front, are the following:

|                                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| I = Ospedale Militare e Civile di | S. Severo                |
| II " Croce Rossa italiana di      | Cerignola                |
| III " Ospedale Militare di        | Barletta                 |
| IV " " "                          | Canosa                   |
| V " " "                           | Bischeglie               |
| VI " " "                          | Andria                   |
| VII " " "                         | Molfetta                 |
| VIII " " "                        | Giovinezza               |
| IX " " " e civile di              | Lucera (in 15 days time) |

- 3) The said hospitals can receive wounded and patients arriving with motor ambulances and lorries, or railway, from the operative zone. That will prevent the fact that patients arriving at Bari should

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- 3) The said hospitals can receive wounded and patients arriving with motor ambulances and lorries, or railway, from the operative zone. That will prevent the fact that patients arriving at Bari should be sent back to the above hospitals.

THE GENERAL IN CHARGE  
(S. Brisotto)



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SUBJECT:- Civilian Wounded.

H.Q., A.M.G.,  
15 Army Group,  
C.M.F.

General Brisotto,  
Ufficio Raccolta Avviamento Profugli,  
Via da Rossi 117  
Bari.

AMG/695/25

12th January 1944

1. Our Deputy Director of Public Health with Eighth Army has asked us to indicate the proper address to which ambulance drivers should report when arriving at Bari with civilian casualties.
2. Will you be good enough to indicate the most suitable address.

for Colonel,  
Director of Public Health.

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Ch.

MT

B/H 18/1

Lotia  
J. H. H. H.

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SUBJECT: Evacuation of civilian casualties.

AMG HQ 15 Army Group ✓

695.8  
11 JAN 1944

AMG HQ EIGHTH ARMY MAIN

OA/17

7 January 1944

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1. In order to prevent re-occurrence of instances whereby unnecessary delay in the release of ambulances employed in the evacuation of civilian casualties to Bari Civil Hospitals, your office will be notified of any future large scale movement.
2. The routine arrival of a single ambulance car from Termoli to Bari will continue as in the past without special notification.
3. It is requested that if the above procedure does not meet with your approval, this office be immediately notified. We would also appreciate being advised of proper address to which the ambulance drivers should routinely report upon their arrival at Bari.

Copy to: DDMS 8th Army  
ADMS 86 Area  
ADMS 60 Sub-Area

C. J. Farinacci  
C. J. Farinacci, Lt. Col.  
D.D.P.H.  
AMG HQ Eighth Army Main.

LS.

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SUBJECT: Sick and Wounded Refugees.

H.Q., A.M.G.,  
15 Army Group,  
C.M.F.

AMG/695/28  
6. Jan. 44.

TO: HQ. AMG. 8 Army.

Copies of the attached letter are forwarded for your information and comments.

2. It will be appreciated if this can be discussed by Lt.Col. Farinacci and a representative of D.D.M.S. 8 Army.

3. It is to be borne in mind that no additional transport is available for these civil wounded other than that kindly put at your disposal by the D.D.M.S. 8 Army.

4. My own view is that distribution of wounded should continue as at present to a centre at Bari, after which the detailed distribution should be a matter for the Italian Medical authorities.

*L. Farinacci Major AM*  
Colonel,  
Director Public Health.

11A 39.3  
6/1/44

HC

Thaus Laxin

22  
Bari, 3 Jan 44

Subject: Shelter for Sick or Wounded Refugees.

To: Dr. Jordan Cheyne,  
Director of Public Health.

Re: ~~Re:~~

Ministry of the Interior  
Directorate of Health of the 8th Army Corps.

1. The Directorate of Health of Bari notifies me of the serious difficulties in providing shelter for the military hospitals of this City for sick or wounded civilians coming by railroad from the 8th Army front.
2. Actually, however, there are usable places for the shelter of sick and wounded civilians near the military hospitals of S. Severo, Lucera and Canosa to which it would be possible to make those in need of care ~~float~~ <sup>go</sup> by the means of auto-transport returning from the front & it would be still better to have them arrive, either ~~by~~ <sup>by</sup> local auto transport or by rail, at the military hospitals of Barletta, Bisceglie, Molfetta, Giovinazzo where there are <sup>23</sup> better possibilities.
3. The unloading of such refugees at the above named hospitals would not cause any appreciable disturbance to the columns of ~~cars~~ <sup>goods</sup> nor to railroad traffic, while it would <sup>avoid</sup> the necessary successive displacements from Bari with an obvious advantage for the care of the individuals, an economy in transport and a diminution in street and railroad traffic.
4. I should therefore like to request you to take this up with competent authority at the 8th Army.   
Pursueto.

UFFICIO RACCOLTA AVVIAMENTO PROFUGHI

N. 38 di prot.-

Bari, 11 3 gennaio 1944.-  
Via de Rossi, 117.-

O G G E T T O: Ricovero profughi civili ammalati o feriti.-

Al Dr. GORDON CHEYNE  
Colonnello

Direttore della Salute Pubblica  
Villa Grassi

e, P.c.:

AL MINISTERO DEGLI INTERNI  
Ufficio Profughi di Guerra

AL DIRETTORE DI SANITA'  
del IX Corpo d'Armata

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B A R I

La Direzione di Sanità di Bari mi segnala le gravi difficoltà per ricevere negli Ospedali Militari di questa Sede profughi civili ammalati o feriti che provengono per ferrovia dal fronte della 8<sup>a</sup> Armata.-

Attualmente però ci sono dei posti disponibili per il ricovero degli ammalati e feriti civili presso gli Ospedali Militari di S. Severo, Lucera, Canosa ai quali potrebbero essere fatti affluire gli abbisognavoli di cura con gli automezzi di ritorno dal fronte; meglio ancora sarebbe farli arrivare con gli stessi automezzi, o per ferrovia, agli Ospedali Militari di Barletta, Bisceglie, Molfetta, Giovinazzo dove esistono maggiori possibilità.-

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Pregherei pertanto di voler interessare al riguardo la competente autorità presso l'8<sup>a</sup> Armata.-

IL GENERALE INCARICATO  
( S. Brisotto )

Al Dr. GORDON CHEYNE

Colonnello

Direttore della Salute Pubblica

Villa Grassi

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( S. Brisotto )

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SECRET

EMERGENCY OPS  
US CIPHER MESSAGE  
IN

FOLIO NO. 00042  
UNDATED

FROM : FATIMA SIGNED JOYCE  
TO : FARGO FOR GUETEREOCK  
RPTD FILPOT FOR ANG AND FREEDOM  
ORIG NO. B 1698

TOO NIL  
THX NIL  
TOR 1825A.29 29:0

BEFORE DISCUSSING PROPOSALS AT NAPLES, PLEASE ASK JACKLIN TO  
COME IMMEDIA TELY TO BRINDISI FOR CONSULTATION WITH THIS  
HEADQUARTERS. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE

ANGOT 4 ACTION

SNC 1945A.29  
T T 2005A.29 RHC

ACTION

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IMPORTANT  
U. S. CIPHER MESSAGE - IN

FOLIO NO: 09834  
DECEMBER 28TH

TOO : 1911A/29  
TOR : 0535A/29

FROM : AFHQ.  
TO : WARIO FOR CUFFREBOOK,  
REPTD : DIRECTOR FOR ANGOT, PATMA.  
ORIG. NO: 26465.

REFERENCE PATMA/657 DATED DECEMBER 27TH. WITH PROPOSAL THIS HQ FOR ASSISTANCE  
ORGANIZATION. (A) ITALIAN REFUGES (B) DALMATIAN ISLANDERS. JACKSON WILL  
ARRIVE NAPLES THURSDAY.

ENC. DISTRIBUTION.

ANGOT

ACTION

SMC : 0620A/29  
TT : 0640A/29 DWP.

Col. Cheyne to be

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FILED DATED  
27 DEC 43.

US CIPHER MESSAGE

SECRET

FROM : PATINA SIGNED JUDGE  
TO : FREEDOM  
INFO : 2 DISTRICT, FLA MO  
CMT : NO 4 1937

100-14300/27  
FOR 19150/27.

TELETYPE NO. 2 DISTRICT RECEIVED THIS MORNING ANNOUNCED ARRIVAL  
AND DEPARTURE OF PATINA SIGNED JUDGE. THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE  
OF TWO YERGENA REFUGEES EXPECTED AT BRUNNEN, SWITZERLAND.  
THE YERGENA REFUGEES WERE BY 71ST AND 2ND HIGH IS ASSISTING  
AS DEPARTURE EXPECTED AS TO OFFER, ACCORDATIONS, SUPPLIES  
AND DEPARTURE. THE TWO THOUSAND REFUGEES, NUMBER 2 DISTRICT  
FURTHER, CANNOT BE DOUBLED THAT NUMBER SHOULD BE INITIATED  
ALTHOUGH, ESTIMATED BE BEING MADE TO DIVERSITY ENDS FROM ITALY.  
MILITARY SHOULD BE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALLIED MILITARY  
AUTHORITIES.

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AUTHORITIES.

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ISA is also trying to arrange for the next 2000

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to be sent out to N.R. or N.A.

2. Col. Cheyre should see in return because of repossessions has  
demand may have on our evaluation staff, etc. demands.

TB 28/12

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Subject: Medical Aid to Civilian Population.

P.A. to D.C.S.,  
Headquarters,  
15 Army Group.

H.Q., A.M.G., 17  
15 Army Group,  
C. M. F.

AM/695/17.  
27. Dec. 1943

Attached letter for delivery to GENERAL WHEEL as  
arranged with Capt. Kelly.

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C. J. J. J. Major  
Assistant Director of Public Health

PA 2/17

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SUBJECT:- Medical Aid to Civilian Population.

H.Q., A.M.G.,  
15 Army Group,  
C.M.S.

AMT/695/16

27th December 43.

TO: All Concerned.

The bearer of this letter, General UBERTO VILLI of the Italian Army, has been designated by Marshal MESSE to investigate the medical aid required for wounded Italian civilians in the forward areas.

The Italian Army is providing assistance at the request of the Director of Public Health, A.M.G., 15 Army Group, and the visit has the approval of H.Q., 15 Army Group. It is requested that he be given every facility possible.

2. Notification of his visit has been sent to A.M.G., Fifth Army, A.M.G., Eighth Army, Surgeon Fifth Army and D.D.M.S., Eighth Army - A.M.G. 15 Army Group message No. FA 637 of 26th December 43 refers.

3. He is travelling with one other officer and a driver, LINO ANIELLO. As all are members of the Italian Army travelling on duty they will not require special passes to enter FOGGIA Province or to cross the Army Control Line.

Brigadier,  
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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TELETYPE OUT

TO: PHS FOR AMB FIVEARBY  
 NIGHTMARE FOR AMB REPTD: NIGHTMARE FOR DEAS  
 FIVEARBY FOR DUNGON  
 FROM: AMB 15 AMB GROUP

Orig. No. FA 637

26 Dec

SECRET (.)

Marshall MEME d signates GENERAL UTILI investigate requirements  
 medical aid wounded Italian civilians and submit recommendations  
 for Italian organization deal with problem (.) This is response  
 Director Public Health requests for assistance (.) Deare UTILI  
 visits DEAS and Surgeon and given every opportunity study position  
 on ground (.) Original requests to Italian Government included 100  
 medical officers (.) Complete medical unit 100 beds each Army (.)  
 Possibility allotting Italian Ambulance Cars to be taken up (.)  
 Representative AMB Public Health Directorate should accompany UTILI  
 (.) CRUTS not available as in HAPLES re typhus

This message must be sent in  
 cipher

PRIORITY.....

*D. Gordon Payne*  
 .....Col.

TO:  
 TH:  
 FOR:

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Col Cheyne: Gen UTILI has permission to visit forward areas. When issuing pass please signify that this has been granted by HQ, 15 ARMY GP.

SECRET

IMPORTANT.  
OR OTHER MESSAGE  
IN

FILE NO: 08362  
23 DEC 43

FROM: PATIMA SIGNED JOYCE  
TO: PILPO2  
ORIG NO: 1607

TOO NIL  
TOR 2322A.23

REFERENCE YOUR FA 482 AND OUR 1450.  
MARSHAL MESSE DESIGNATES GEN UTILI TO INVESTIGATE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL AID TO WOUNDED ITALIAN CIVILIANS AND TO SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AN ITALIAN ORGANISATION TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM. THE ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND REQUEST GEN UTILI GIVEN PERMISSION VISIT THE FORWARD AREAS FOR THE PURPOSE OBTAINING THE NECESSARY INFORMATION.

AMC  
EGS(CPS)

1. ACTION  
2.

SMC 0410A.24  
M.T.T. 0415A.24

NOTE: NO TRACE OF PATIMA 1450

*General Utili  
in forward areas to see D.O. 1.1  
in human action to see D.O. 1.1  
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105/04494 LRCT V HARR QVR13 T QVR2 IMPORTANT

FROM ADMS 60 SUB AREA 191850

TO ~~AMGOT~~ AMGOT BARI

INFO MT AMGOT 15 ARMY GRP

DDMS 2 DIST DDMS 8 ARMY

QQX GR16

9/M FOUR CIVILIAN LYING CASES LEAVE

TERMOLI 0800 HRS DAILY BY AMBULANCE CAR COMMENCING 20 DEC

BT

192055

RPTSNM 105/04494 -P QVR13 ~~5 QVR2~~

60 191850 AMGOT-BART

MT AMGOT 15 2 8 QQX GR16

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0800 20 192055

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HEADQUARTERS REGION 3  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT.  
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE

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TO: Ufficiale Medico Provinciale, Naples Province.  
Ufficiale Medico Provinciale, Benevento Province.  
Ufficiale Medico Provinciale, Avellino Province.  
SUBJECT: Civil Sick and Wounded.  
Ref. No. PH/16/56  
Date: 18/12/43

1. An instance has occurred in which a Civil Hospital has refused to accept a civil sick or wounded person.
2. It must be clearly understood that acceptance of such cases is essential and that if the Hospital happens to be full, the responsibility for the transfer of cases to another Hospital rests with the Civil Authority, though assistance may, if required, be sought from this office.
3. Instructions to this effect will please be issued to all concerned and it should also be made clear to them that only necessitous cases should be admitted to Hospital as there is no room for chronic cases.
4. Arrangements will also be made in the forward areas for beds to be available for the reception of wounded civilians.
5. Please acknowledge.

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*W. H. Crichton*  
W.H. CRICHTON  
Colonel  
Public Health & Welfare Div.

Copy to: A.P.H.O. Naples City,  
A.P.H.O. Naples & Benevento Province,  
A.P.H.O. Avellino Province,  
Director Public Health, H.Q. A.M.G., 15 Army Group. X

WHC/ewp

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IMPORTANT  
TELEPRINTER MESSAGE - IN

FOLIO NO: 07116  
DECEMBER 19TH

FROM : A D M S 60 SUB AREA.  
TO : ANGOT BARY.  
SUBJ : RE ANGOT 15TH ARMY GROUP, D D M S  
EIGHTH ARMY.  
ORIG. NO: 9/M.

TOO : 1850A/20  
TOR : 0040A/20

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1. CIVILIAN DYING CASES LEAVE TRIADOLI 0800 HRS DAILY BY AMBULANCE CAR COMMENCING  
20TH DECEMBER.

SEC. DISTRIBUTION.

A H G O T

Prof. Sica signed through  
ALL B. 20/12  
4 ACTION

SEC : 0115A/20  
TT : 0125A/20 DWP.

Col. Chyue to see in when

[Signature]

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TELEGRAM OUT

TO: NIGHTMARE FOR AMG

FROM: WILFOT FROM AMG

Orig. No. PA 510

14 Dec

Your M/12 of 14 Dec (.) Civil have agreed accept your sink  
and wounded ex VASTO and TIRMOI night 15/16

If this message is liable to  
be intercepted it should be  
sent in CIPHER

PRIORITY.....

.....Col.

TOO:  
THI:  
TOR:

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( ) IMMEDIATE  
BY TELETYPE MESSAGE  
IN

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NO 05128  
DEC 43

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FROM: AMG EIGHTH ARMY  
TO : FILIPOT FOR AMG  
CRIC NO: 1/12

TGO  
THI 1145A/14  
FOR 1220A/14

FOR OFFICE.

DEMS HAS ARRANGED SPECIAL AMBULANCE TRAIN TO EVACUATE 122 SICK AND WOUNDED  
EA VASTO AND TERNOLI NIGHT 15/16. ETA HARI TO BE NOTIFIED LATER.  
IMPOSSIBLE LIMIT TO 50 AS SPEED OF EVACUATION CANNOT BE CONTROLLED FROM  
THIS HQ AND DEMS CAN ONLY PROVIDE TOTAL EVACUATION WHICH FOR OBVIOUS  
REASONS WE MUST TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE.

AMGOT 4 ACTION

ACTION

SND 1244A/14  
PT 1253A/14 IV

Subject: Civil Sick and Wounded.

Headquarters,  
 AMG, 5th Army.  
 AMG, 8th Army.  
 AMG, Region III.  
 AMG, Region IV.

H.Q., A.M.G.,  
 15 Army Group,  
 C. M. F.

AMG/695/8

13. Dec. 43.

An instance has been reported by 10 Corps where a civil hospital refused to accept a civil sick or wounded person.

2. A copy of correspondence is attached for information and necessary action to the H.Q. in respect of location of Civil Hospitals in your area.

3. The Civil authorities concerned will be immediately informed that the acceptance of such cases by them is essential. If a hospital is full, the responsibility for transfer of cases to another hospital is a civil one but it is clear that assistance from A.M.G. is essential.

4. In war time civil hospitals can admit only absolutely necessitous cases and there is no room for chronic cases. Italian authorities must be made clearly to appreciate this.

5. In the forward areas beds must be kept ready for the reception of wounded civilians, and a plan for evacuation back is now being elaborated where local redistribution is impossible. Lightly wounded will be evacuated through refugee evacuation channels. Where it is proposed to evacuate patients to hospitals outside the administrative control of Army A.M.G., steps must first be taken to ascertain that accommodation is actually available. The possibility of expanding present accommodation and creating new will be taken up by A.M.G. Armies.

DGC/JG.

Copy to: H.Q.S., Adv. Adm. Ech. A.M.G.  
 15th Army Group.  
 D.D.M.S. 5th Army.  
 D.D.M.S. 8th Army.

D. GORDON CHEYNE,  
 Colonel,  
 Director of Public Health.

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DEC/JC.

*D. Gordon Cheyne*  
D. GORDON CHEYNE,  
Colonel,  
Director of Public Health.

Copy to: M.G.S., Adv. Adm. Ech. A.P.H.Q.  
15th Army Group.  
D.D.M.S. 5th Army.  
D.D.M.S. 6th Army.

Subject: Civilian Casualties.

D. D. M. S.,  
10 Corps.

No. 3 C.C.S.  
CR/28  
16 Nov 43.

Civilian Casualties, sick and wounded, are often brought to the OSS under my command, and these, when they are fit to travel, are being re-directed to local civil hospitals. The civil hospital authorities, however, have lately been refusing to deal with them as they are not in possession of medical supplies.

Such a case occurred yesterday, when a female civilian with head injuries, after being attended to here, was passed on by ambulance to S.M.H.A. From there the driver was sent to MADDISON, where again it was stated that nothing could be done and the patient was brought back to her home at SPARANISE.

On the previous day five cases were taken to S. MARIA and MADDALONI, but the hospital authorities said they could do nothing. The RAGO corporal in charge of the ambulance eventually found bedding for them at MADDALONI Hospital, and had to see that they were made comfortable himself before leaving. Nothing was being done for them by anyone at the hospital, however.

In addition to such cases, seven civilians are at present receiving treatment at our M.I. Room as out-patients.

It would be appreciated if the position with regard to the disposal of civilian casualties could please be clarified. Two copies of this memo are being forwarded in order that the matter may be referred to AINOT if you consider such a course desirable.

(Sgd) W. H. CABB, Lt. Col., R.A.M.C.,  
Comdg No. 8 Casualty Clearing Station.

Subjct: Hospitalization - Civilians.

JOE AND ADY KIRK

C. M. W.

5095/51.

Dec 45.

**WTS.**

1. It has been reported by 5th Army (Brit. Increment) that some difficulty has arisen in getting Italian civil hospitals to accept Italian civilian patients from Army medical units. The excuse given for refusing to admit such patients to hospital is that the hospital is already full, or that there are no medical supplies.
2. Attached are details of a specific case.
3. You will agree that this practice is most unsatisfactory, and it is requested that an order be issued compelling Italian civil hospitals to admit this class of patient.
4. 5th Army (Brit. Increment) have also requested a location statement of all Italian civil hospitals, especially those in the forward area, on this be supplied please.

:CP/RT.

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Copy to: Br. Incr 5 (US) Army, ref. 50/1 dtd 23. Nov.

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Comdg No. 8 Casualty Clearing Station.

COPY.

Subject: Hospitalisation - Civilians.

AMHQ Adv. Adm. Ech.,  
C.M.F.  
3095/5A.  
8 Dec 43.

MFS.

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ACE/BJL

Copy to: Br. Incr 3 (US) Army, ref. 3094 dated 23. Nov.

(Sgd) ?????????? Col.  
ADMG.

COPY.

AMHQ ADVANCED ADMINISTRATION SECTION.  
Military Government Section, Advance

9. December. 43.

MESA 26.

Subject: Hospitalisation - Civilians.

To : AMHQ. 15 Army Group.

Forwarded herewith for appropriate action are two letters, subject as above. (1) from AMHQ Adv. Adm. Ech. CPT, 3095/5A, 8. Dec. 43, ADMG, and (2) from No. 8 C.C.S., CPT/28, 16. Nov. 43, to ADMG, 10 Corps, which report the refusal of Italian civilian hospitals to accept civilian casualties cleared through military medical installations and requesting a location statement of all Italian civil hospitals, especially those in forward areas. Please inform this office of the action taken by you and furnish the location statements here for proper forwarding to AMHQ Adv. Adm. Ech. ADMG.

(Sgd) J.A. TODD,  
Major, A.S.,  
Chief, MGS Advance.

OUTGOING MESSAGE.  
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TO : EIGHTH ARMY MAIN FOR AMG.

FROM : FILPOT FOR AMG.

ORIG'S NO. FA 493

13 DEC.

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SECRET (.) Can accept 50 wounded civilians immediately (.)  
If by train to go to BARI, ETA being intimated here (.) If  
by road to Red Cross Hospitals at DI MODUGNO and VALENZANO  
half to each (.) Will communicate results of search for  
vacant beds in civil hospitals later (.) All outstanding  
medical requirements personnel and equipment referred to  
Mission BRINDISI and AFHQ, ALGIERS (.)  
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If liable to interception this  
message should be sent in CIPHER.

*H. G. Anderson* Colonel.

PRIORITY:

*Important*

TOO :  
TII :  
TOR :

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TELEPRINTER MESSAGE  
IN

DLIO NO: 04491  
12 DEC 43

FROM: AMG EIGHTH ARMY  
TO: FILPOT FOR AMG.  
ORIG NO: M/7

TOO  
THI 1545A.12  
TOR 1652A.12

CAN YOU TAKE IMMEDIATELY BARE UP TO 120 WOUNDED CIVILIANS  
ALL STRETCHER CASES.

AMCOT

4 ACTION

*see 6*  
**ACTION**

SMC 1755A.12 *alt*  
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9 December 1943

SUBJECT: Hospitalization - Civilians.

TO: A. M. G., 15th Army Group.

(111) Forwarded herewith for appropriate action are two letters, subject as above, (1) from AFHQ Adv Adm Ech, CMF, 3025/5A, 8 Dec 43, ADAG, and (2) from No. 8 Casualty Clearing Station, CR/28, 16 Nov 43, to DDMS, 10 Corps, which report the refusal of Italian civilian hospitals to accept civilian casualties cleared through military medical installations and requesting a location statement of all Italian civil hospitals, especially those in forward areas. Please inform this office of the action taken by you and furnish the location statements here for proper forwarding to AFHQ Adv Adm Ech ADAG.

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J. A. TODD,  
Major, A. C.,  
Chief, MGS Advance

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SUBJECT:- Hospitalization - Civilians.

AFHQ Adv Adm Ech.,  
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6 Dec. 43.

1. It has been reported by Fifth Army (Brit. Increment) that some difficulty has arisen in getting Italian civil hospitals to accept Italian civilian patients from Army medical units. The excuse given for refusing to admit such patients to hospital is that the hospital is already full, or that there are no medical supplies.
2. Attached are details of a specific case.
3. You will agree that this practice is most unsatisfactory, and it is requested that an order be issued compelling Italian civil hospitals to admit this class of patient.
4. Fifth Army (Brit. Increment) have also requested a location statement of all Italian civil hospitals, especially those in the forward area, can this be supplied please.

ACE/BJL.

Col.  
ADAG.

Copy to:- Br. Inc. 5 (US) Army, ref. 30/A dated 28 Nov.

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Subject:- Civilian Casualties.

No. 8 C.C.S.  
CR/28  
16 Nov 43.

P.D.M.S.  
10 CORPS.

Civilian casualties, sick and wounded, are often brought to the CCS under my command, and these, when they are fit to travel, are being re-directed to local civil hospitals. The civil hospital authorities, however, have lately been refusing to deal with them as they are not in possession of medical supplies.

Such a case occurred yesterday, when a female civilian with head injuries, after being attended to here, was passed on by ambulance to S.MARIA. From there the driver was sent to MADDALONI, where again it was stated that nothing could be done and the patient was brought back again to her home at SPARANISE.

On the previous day five cases were taken to S.MARIA and MADDALONI, but the hospital authorities said they could do nothing. The RASC corporal in charge of the ambulance eventually found bedding for them at MADDALONI Hospital, and had to see that they were made comfortable himself before leaving. Nothing was being done for them by anyone at the hospital, however.

In addition to such cases, seven civilians are at present receiving treatment at our M.I. Room as out-patients.

It would be appreciated if the position with regard to the disposal of civilian casualties could please be clarified. Two copies of this memo are being forwarded in order that the matter may be referred to AMST if you consider such a course desirable.

(Sgd) W.D. SAUR,  
Lt.Col., R.A.M.C.,  
Commanding No.8 Casualty Clearing Station.

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