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RED CROSS  
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THE ITALIAN RED CROSS

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The Italian Red Cross has its Headquarters at Via Euglie 6, Roma. It is the National Red Cross of Italy and is fully recognized by the International Red Cross at Geneva, and works in strict adherence to the Geneva Convention.

It operates through its Provincial Committees and Sub-Committees in the various localities of liberated Italy in giving aid to those of Italian nationality.

The work covered by the Italian Red Cross includes:-

1. Direct assistance in the field.
2. Legal and administrative advice.
3. Emergency and Postal Message Services.
4. Moral and financial help for those in
5. All queries regarding Italian Prisoners

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| Chief Clerk |

The Italian Red Cross does not develop any direct activity with regard to persons other than Italian nationals; and any information received in regard to other nationals is transmitted to the Allied authorities for action.

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DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION  
THE RECORDS BUREAU (ALLIED NATIONALS) AND  
ERG FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPT.

RED CROSS MESSAGES AND ENQUIRIES

The Record Bureau of the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission has recorded the names and addresses of 70000 Displaced Persons, representing 66 nationalities. Information regarding the whereabouts of such persons may therefore be obtained by enquiry to the Record Bureau.

In cases where the persons enquired for are not recorded, investigations are immediately instituted through the Red Cross.

Personnel of the Foreign Relations Department of the British Red Cross are attached to the Record Bureau of the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, for the purpose of dealing with enquiries and messages to and from Displaced Persons in Italy and their families and close friends in other parts of the world.

In order to obtain the necessary information for instituting these enquiries and messages the following instructions should be observed:

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- (b) The charge for each message is 15 lire. This includes the reply.
- (c) Full name, address and nationality of sender and addressee should be given with text of message. Military addressees are not transmitted, but the address of this bureau is substituted.
- (d) Forward message and particulars to British Red Cross, Foreign Relations, Record Bureau, Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.
- (e) The message will be transcribed on to an International Red Cross form for despatch through the International Red Cross at Geneva.
- (f) The sender should keep the bureau informed of any change in his address.

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- (b) No charge is made for such messages.
- (c) Full name, address and nationality of sender and addressee should be given with the text of the message.

(4) Forward message and particulars to BRC Foreign Relations, Record Bureau, Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.

(c) The message will be transcribed on to a message form and forwarded through the quickest channels available.

(f) The sender should keep the Bureau informed of any change in his address.

(g) As soon as normal postal channels are available people must be urged to use the postal service except in urgent cases of enquiry.

NOTE: (See para 7).

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3. Welfare and whereabouts enquiries for relatives and close friends in other countries and enquiries for Allied Prisoners of War may be forwarded to the Relations, Record Bureau, Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, giving the following particulars:

Enquirer:- (a) Full name  
(b) Address  
(c) Nationality  
(d) Relationship of enquirer to addressee.

Addressee:- (a) Full name  
(b) Last known address  
(c) Nationality  
(d) Date and place of birth  
(e) Single, married, widow  
(f) Profession

The enquirer should keep the Record Bureau informed of any change in his address.

4. Enquiries concerning British Prisoners of War in enemy hands should be forwarded with all necessary details to:

British Red Cross HQ.,  
South Europe Commission, C.M.F.

5. Enquiries concerning Italian nationals both civilians and prisoners of war should be forwarded to:

Italian Red Cross, Via Puglia 6, Rome.

6. Communications to Prisoners of War in enemy hands

A free letter service for personnel in U.K. Forces writing to Prisoners of War and Civilian Internees exists via AFO channels. Such letters should be put in an open envelope fully addressed and sent in another envelope to the Chief Base Censor, CIP (or RMAF respectively).

NOTE for prisoners of war or civilian internees in Japanese hands a letter must be limited to 25 words which should be typed or written plainly in block capitals.

Name and rank only (without number or unit) c/o British Chief Base Censor, Naples, or c/o a private address in the U.K. should be written at head of letter and on back of envelope. Name and address of addressee should also be written at head of letter - slip should be inserted giving writer's full postal address for purposes of registration. Replies will be forwarded by the Censor as and when received.

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7. Messages to Russian Liberated Territory:

For the present it is not possible to accept messages for Russian liberated territories. In such cases full particulars should be taken so that enquiries may be instituted as soon as facilities exist.

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
R.C. & M.G. SECTION

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| ARO 381<br>Asst. Acs. |                    |
| Asst. Acs.            | <i>91P.</i>        |
| Asst. Acs.            |                    |
| Chief Clerk           | <i>[Signature]</i> |

Ref/456/45/CA.

2 September 1944

SUBJECT : Relationship between ACC & ARO.  
TO : RCOs Region I, Southern, IV, V, VI, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII.  
SCAOs 5th & 8th Armies.

Reference 456/43/CA, dated 21 August 1944.

1. Issuance of the above mentioned memorandum has raised a question as to whether there has been any change in the relationship ARO personnel and ACC regional personnel.
2. This relationship as set forth in 361/10/CA, 19 March 1944, a copy of which is attached, remains unchanged.

*for* *W. Slipp*  
M.S. LUSH,  
Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

Encl.  
361/10/CA dated 19 March 44.

Copy to: Admin Section  
Econ Section  
Displaced Persons Sub-Comm.  
Italian Refugee Branch.  
Secretary General.  
Public Relations Branch.  
Establishment Branch.

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
R.C. & M.C. Section  
APO 394

Ref/361/10/CA.

19 March 1944.

SUBJECT: British and American Red Cross.

TO : All Regional Commissioners & S.C.A.Os. 5 and 8 Armies.

1. For the guidance and direction of all officers of the Allied Control Commission, this directive sets forth the relationship between ACC and the American and British Red Cross Societies.
2. The assistance of the American and British Red Cross Societies is on a voluntary basis. Both groups are distributing clothing through indigenous welfare agencies, with the aid of the Italian Red Cross. The Red Cross Societies have accepted the responsibility of supervising distribution and performing such welfare activities among the needy populace as ACC may direct. Red Cross participation is of a temporary nature, since it is desired to have local agencies ready to assume the responsibility of caring for themselves in a very short time.
3. Red Cross personnel, assigned to assist ACC in the discharge of their responsibilities are not to be placed in charge of any set program. Red Cross personnel are under the direction of the Allied officers to whom they are assigned and will take orders within the framework of Red Cross policy, reporting regularly to the officer responsible for their work as to the progress or completion of the assignment.
4. One member of the Red Cross staff in each Region will be designated by the Red Cross Director as Regional Supervisor. Through him submissions of reports to Red Cross office will be made. It is understood that the contents of such reports will have been discussed with ACC officers before the Supervisor submits them to Red Cross Headquarters. The Supervisor will also have the responsibility for clearing with ACC officers the details of service in his Region. A member of the Red Cross staff attached to the Italian Refugee Branch, or to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, will be designated by the Red Cross Director to undertake similar duties to those of the Regional Supervisors.

5. Red Cross workers will participate in the following :
  - (a) Joint preliminary planning, for present and future relief operations, in cooperation with ACC.
  - (b) Surveys of relief needs in cooperation with divisions of ACC (particularly the Sub-Commissions of Public Health and Welfare and Displaced Persons, and the Italian Refugee Branch of R.C. & M.C.

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(c) Assisting and advising with ACC on specialized relief projects, particularly with women and children and civilian hospital services, in cooperation with the other activities of ACC.

(d) Supplying advisory services to ACC on matters pertaining to relief and Red Cross activities which may be of value to the overall administration of the territory under occupation.

(e) Liaison with the Italian Red Cross and/or other indigenous local agencies in the planning for use of their personnel, facilities, and supplies in present and future operations.

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6. For the Red Cross to exercise properly these functions, ACC accepts the responsibility for:

- (a) Billeting and messing ARC and HRC War Relief Staff on assignment.
- (b) Transportation and travel orders of Red Cross Staff, if necessary.
- (c) Office space, clerical aid and other assistance as necessary for the proper prosecution of their duties to the extent it is possible for ACC to provide.

*Norman E. Fiske*

NORMAN E. FISCHE  
Colonel, Cavalry,  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner.

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Distribution "A" (less Group 3)  
British and American War Relief Board.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,  
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

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Ref: 456/43/CA.

21st August 1944.

SUBJECT: American and British Red Cross.

TO : Distribution Below.

Following is extract of decisions made at joint meeting of American and British Red Cross organisations with regard to functions in Italy:-

- "(a) In the Combat Zone the American Red Cross will carry out all Red Cross Civil Relief work in the 5th Army Zone. In the same way the British Red Cross Society will carry out all Red Cross Civil Relief work in the 8th Army Zone.
- Reports of workers in the Combat Zone will be kept in the form of a daily diary - to contain the information desired by the American Red Cross Regional Supervisors, who will take over from them in the Area concerned. If any line of responsibility of function is not clear to the Representative in the Field this will be referred to the appropriate Headquarters by the respective Supervisor for clearance.
- (b) The American Red Cross will undertake all Red Cross work under ACC Regional Control.
- (c) The B.R.C.S. will undertake all Red Cross activities in connection with the Sub-Commission for Displaced Persons.
- (d) The B.R.C.S. will undertake all Red Cross activities in connection with the Italian Refugee Branch of A.C.C.
- (e) The American Red Cross will be entirely responsible for the administration and assignment of the Red Cross personnel of the 5th Army and in the Regions. The B.R.C.S. in the same way will be responsible in the 8th Army Area and in the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and Italian Refugee Branch.
- (f) Regular conferences shall be held between representatives of the American Red Cross and the British Red Cross Civilian Relief at HQ.
- (g) The stores belonging to the American Red Cross or the British Red

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(g) The stores belonging to the American Red Cross or the British Red Cross that are allocated for joint distribution will be distributed in conformity with the policies of the contributing agencies. The organisation furnishing the stores will determine the records and technique necessary because of their accountability to their respective Headquarters.

If changing circumstances make it desirable, either party to this agreement may re-open conversations looking to such amendments as are mutually satisfactory.

It is hoped that this division of functions will in no way diminish the close and happy relationship which exists between the two bodies and it is desired by the representatives of both Societies that the same constant co-operation and consultation shall continue in the future as in the past."

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Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

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DISTRIBUTION:

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V.P., Economic Section.  
Displaced Persons Sub-Com.  
Italian Refugee Branch,  
Secretary General.  
SCAG, AMG 5 Army.  
SCAG, AMG 6 Army.  
Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI,  
VII, VIII, IX and "Z".  
Public Relations Branch,  
Establishment Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF C-4  
APO 394

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19 June 1944.

GA/117/2.

SUBJECT : Issue of Rations to Red Cross Personnel.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region I.  
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S.C.A.O., A.M.G., 5th Army.  
" " 6th Army.

Director, Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.  
" Italian Refugee Branch.

It has been agreed that A.C.C. is responsible for accommodation and feeding of American Red Cross and British Red Cross personnel. (ACC/3068/HI of 4 March 44 refers). This brings up the question of whether Red Cross personnel should be invited to become members of officers messes. This privilege has been extended to members of the Friends Ambulance Unit and must of course be extended to members of the American Red Cross and the British Red Cross.

The issue of rations, American and British, is governed by the following:-

- (a) American. Army Regulations 350 to 375. Extract attached.
- (b) British. (i) War Office letter dated 3 March 1942 (but unnumbered). Copy attached.  
(ii) G.R.O. 125/44, the provisions of which must be observed.

Delay in circulating this information is regretted. It is due to the time required to obtain a copy of the War Office letter referred to.

R.H. FARMER.  
Colonel.  
Executive Officer.

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EXTRACT

ARMY REGULATIONS )  
No. 850-75 )

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
Washington 25, D.C., 30 June 1943.

MISCELLANEOUS

EMPLOYMENT OF AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS

SECTION III

IN TIME OF WAR

10. Authorization, utilization, and administration.

(a) When Red Cross cooperation and assistance with the armed forces in time of war or threatened hostilities shall have been accepted by the President, Red Cross personnel, while proceeding to their place of duty, while serving thereat, and while returning therefrom, will be transported and subsisted at the cost and charge of the United States, and Red Cross supplies will be transported at the cost and charge of the United States.

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THE WAR OFFICE,  
Nelson's Building,  
Northumberland Avenue,  
W.C.2.

URGENT

3rd March, 1942

Dear Sir,

Concessions to the Philanthropic Bodies, Middle East

1. With reference to our meeting at the War Office to-day it is confirmed that the services accorded to the Philanthropic Bodies, operating in the Middle East, are as follows:-

On Reimbursement

- (a) Transport of Stores.
- (b) Transport of personnel by rail, ship or any Government M.T.
- (c) Provision of petrol, oil, lubricants.
- (d) Maintenance of vehicles (if other sources are not available).
- (e) Rations and accommodation for personnel when visiting camps and use of Army Buildings, when available.

Free

- (1) Medical attention.
- (2) Hospital treatment.
- (3) Essential dental treatment,

subject to the limitations laid down in A.C.I. 68 of 1941.

The provision of this A.C.I. are to be interpreted as being applicable to the areas defined Middle East General Orders 244 and 277 of 1941, and will cease to apply to members of Philanthropic Bodies on their being evacuated to a hospital outside these areas. A further proviso is that lectures, spectacles and surgical appliances will not be provided at the public expense.

2. The facilities referred to above apply similarly to the British Red Cross Society.

3. M.S.A.M.I. with the exception of Institute accommodation, within the scale prescribed by the barrack symposium, which is rent free is entitled to all the concessions described under the heading (as to reimbursement).

4. I am to enquire whether the Bodies represented on your Council are prepared to continue to operate under existing arrangements. You will appreciate that for various reasons it is desirable that concessions granted to the Philanthropic Bodies should be on the same lines as those for trading purposes.

East, are as follows:-

On Remuneration

- (a) Transport of Stores.
- (b) Transport of personnel by rail, ship or any Government M.T.
- (c) Provision of petrol, oil, lubricants.
- (d) Maintenance of vehicles (if other sources are not available).
- (e) Rations and accommodation for personnel when visiting camps and use of Army Buildings, when available.

Free

- (f) Medical attention.
- (g) Hospital treatment.
- (h) Essential dental treatment, subject to the limitations laid down in A.C.I. 68 of 1941.

The provision of this A.J.I. are to be interpreted as being applicable to the areas defined Middle East General Orders 211 and 277 of 1941, and will cease to apply to members of Philanthropic Bodies on their being evacuated to a hospital outside these areas. A further proviso is that dentures, spectacles and surgical appliances will not be provided at the public expense.

2. The facilities referred to above apply similarly to the British Red Cross Society.

3. N.A.A.F.I. with the exception of Institute accommodation, within the scale prescribed by the barrack synopsis, which is rent free is entitled to all the concessions described under the headings (as to remuneration).

4. I am to enquire whether the Bodies represented on your Council are prepared to continue to operate under existing arrangements. You will appreciate that for various reasons it is desirable that concessions granted to the Philanthropic Bodies should be on the same lines as those for trading purposes accorded to the N.A.A.F.I. Corporation.

5. It is proposed that these conditions shall rule in existing theatres of war and if applicable, in any new ones.

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Yours faithfully,

(signed) W. JOLLIFFE,  
A.O.M.C.  
for Major-General,  
Director of Quarters.

The Secretary,  
Council of Voluntary War Work,  
92 Gloucester Place, W.1.

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
R.C. & M.G. SECTION  
APO 394

Ref/25/54/QA

26 May 1944

SUBJECT: Vatican and International Red Cross Communications, other than Ecclesiastical Correspondence.

TO : R.C.'s Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII and IX.  
S.C.A.O.'s 5th and 8th Armies.

1. The procedure at Appendix "A" is forwarded for your information.
2. Regional Commissioners will arrange to acquaint the civil and ecclesiastical authorities in their Regions of these arrangements and in particular the Vatican representatives in Palermo, Naples and Cagliari should be contacted.
3. Reference is made to 127/41/CA of 11 March 1944 and 25/23/CA of 18 March 1944.

NORMAN E. FISKE  
Colonel  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner

Copies to:

G-5 Section, AFHQ  
Political Section (Mr. Reber)  
Admin. Section  
Communications Sub-Commission.  
Monsignor Carroll.

Appendix "A" to Ref 725/54/CA

Standard 25 word written communications between civilians in Military Government and Italian Government territory and Civilians in enemy occupied territory - and between Civilians in Military Government and Italian Government territory and Prisoners of War in enemy hands.

(A) VATICAN SERVICE

1. Outgoing (From Military Government and Italian Government Territory)

- i. Forms to be handed by Vatican Representatives to the Allied Censorship Control Officer at either Naples or Palermo or Cagliari.
- ii. After individual censorship of each form, Allied Censorship Control Officers at the three places indicated will hand the forms to Italian Post Office, who will bag them and label the bags:

Vatican Information Service Bureau,  
Algiers.

- iii. Allied Censorship Control Officers will mark the bag labels with either "Verificato per Censura" or with the letters "A.C.S."
- iv. Italian Post Office at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari will then hand the bags over to the United States APO for despatch.
- v. No bills should be included in the bags, but the consecutive serial number of each despatch, and the total number of bags comprising each despatch, should be shown on the back of each label, for example:

Naples 17/3 ; Naples 17/3 ; Naples 17/3  
(Despatch No. 17 ; 3 bags).

2. Incoming (From Enemy Occupied Territory, Via Algiers)

- i. Mail bags, containing forms already sorted into Provinces, will arrive at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari, addressed to the Allied Censorship Control Officers at those three places.
- ii. After censorship, the contents of the bags should be collected by the local Vatican Representative.

NOTE: It is emphasized that:

a. The collection and aggregation of outgoing forms and handing them over to the Censorship Officers at one of the three Control Centers mentioned.

b. The collection of incoming forms from Censorship Centers and the subsequent delivery to addressees

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- are entirely the responsibility of the Vatican Representatives in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia.

(B) INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS SERVICE

1. Outgoing (From Military Government and Italian Government Territory).
  - i. Forms to be handed to International Red Cross delegates at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari to the local Allied Censorship Control Officers.
  - ii. Forms then to be dealt with as in para 1(ii)(iii)(iv)(v) of (A) except that the bags to be labelled:  
  
International Red Cross Committee,  
Algiers.
2. Incoming (From Enemy Occupied Territory, via Algiers). 387h
  - i. Bags containing forms will arrive at Naples, Palermo and Cagliari addressed to the Allied Censorship Control Officers at these three places.

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ii. After censorship, the forms will be collected by the International Red Cross for sorting into provinces, and marking to show clearly the delivery address.

iii. International Red Cross will then hand the forms back to the Civil Post Offices at the three places mentioned for forwarding and delivery.

Fixed text radio messages to and from Italian Prisoners of War held by the Allies in North Africa and Italy and the Islands.

Such services as have been available are now temporarily suspended.

26 May 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS  
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO 534

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AG 080/428 A-0

11 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Display of Red Cross Emblem and Words in Connection with Non-Sanitary Activities in Combat Areas.

TO : All Concerned.

1. In accordance with an opinion of The Judge Advocate General, Washington, D. C., as outlined in Memorandum SPJCW 1943/18318, dated 11 January 1944, and instructions contained in 1st Indorsement, WD, AGO, file AG 080 Red Cross (11 Jan 44)Cb-C, dated 8 February 1944, the following policy is announced for this command with respect to the display or wearing of the Red Cross Emblem:

a. Red Cross emblems or flags which are visible from aircraft flying at a height at which enemy planes fly will not be used on vehicles, buildings, canteens and similar installations which are used for other than sanitary activities of the Red Cross.

b. Vehicles and installations used by the American Red Cross for other than sanitary activities may be marked by a small Red Cross emblem which is not visible to enemy aerial or terrestrial observation, or by the words "American Red Cross" in relatively small letters, followed by "club", "canteen" or other word showing that the building or vehicle so marked is used otherwise than for the sick and wounded.

c. Personnel of the American Red Cross who are engaged in other than sanitary activities will not wear the brassard bearing the Red Cross emblem, but may wear a small red cross which can be distinguished only by an observer close at hand such as is customarily worn on the cap or uniform by American Red Cross representatives.

2. It is directed that the foregoing be disseminated to all concerned for their information and guidance.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

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*H. V. Roberts*  
H. V. ROBERTS,  
Colonel, AGO,  
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
H.C. & M.G. Section  
APO 394

Ref/361/10/CA.

19 March 1944.

SUBJECT: British and American Red Cross.

TO : All Regional Commissioners & S.C.A.Os. 5 and 8 Armies.

1. For the guidance and direction of all officers of the Allied Control Commission, this directive sets forth the relationship between ACC and the American and British Red Cross Societies.
2. The assistance of the American and British Red Cross Societies is on a voluntary basis. Both groups are distributing clothing through indigenous welfare agencies, with the aid of the Italian Red Cross. The Red Cross Societies have accepted the responsibility of supervising distribution and performing such welfare activities among the needy populace as ACC may direct. Red Cross participation is of a temporary nature, since it is desired to have local agencies ready to assume the responsibility of caring for themselves in a very short time.
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4. One member of the Red Cross staff in each Region will be designated by the Red Cross Director as Regional Supervisor. Through him submissions of reports to Red Cross offices will be made. It is understood that the contents of such reports will have been discussed with ACC officers before the Supervisor submits them to Red Cross Headquarters. The Supervisor will also have the responsibility for clearing with ACC officers the details of service in his Region. A member of the Red Cross staff attached to the Italian Refugee Branch, or to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, will be designated by the Red Cross Director to undertake similar duties to those of the Regional Supervisors.

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- (b) Surveys of relief needs in cooperation with Divisions of ACC (particularly the Sub-Commissions of Public Health and Welfare and Displaced Persons, and the Italian Refugee Branch of R.C. & M.C. Section).
- (c) Assisting and advising with ACC on specialized relief projects, particularly with women and children and civilian hospital services, in cooperation with the other activities of ACC.
- (d) Supplying advisory services to ACC on matters pertaining to relief and Red Cross activities which may be of value to the overall administration of the territory under occupation.
- (e) Liaison with the Italian Red Cross and/or other indigenous local agencies in the planning for use of their personnel, facilities, and supplies in present and future operations.

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6. For the Red Cross to exercise properly these functions, ACC accepts the responsibility for:

- (a) Billeting and messing ACC and HRC War Relief Staff on assignment.
- (b) Transportation and travel orders of Red Cross Staff, if necessary.
- (c) Office space, clerical aid and other assistance as necessary for the proper prosecution of their duties to the extent it is possible for ACC to provide.

NORMAN E. FISKE  
Colonel, Cavalry,  
Deputy Executive  
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
Public Health Sub-Commission



11 November 1943

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AMG/3095/PH

SUBJECT : - P. W. Inquiries.

TO : - Chief Staff Officer.

Reference attached documents regarding the above-mentioned subject. May the attached message please be sent to AMHQ for onward transmission to International Committee Red Cross.

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

ENCLOSURES:

1. Message and 5 Copies.
2. Letter from Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.
3. Message from Int. Committee Red Cross

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
Internees and Displaced Persons  
Subcommission

Memorandum  
Ref: ALGOT/900/DP

5 November 1945.

Ref. attached (request from International Red Cross for assistance in tracing and corresponding with missing relatives)

1. The Displaced Persons Subcommission deals only with foreign internees (less U.S. and British Empire nationals) and displaced Italians (refugees and evacuees). The P.C.W. Subcommission deals with all prisoners of war and U.S. and British Empire civilians. The latter subcommission is at present carrying out the functions of the D.P. Subcommission relative to the camp at Bari. P.H. Region II is handling the affairs of this Subcommission relative to the camp at COSENZA. A special branch of this subcommission is evacuating the refugees and displaced Italians from 8th Army forward areas to the rear, where resettlement is the responsibility of an Italian National Committee under Gr. Off. Dr. TOMASSO PENNITTA, Headquarters BRN DISI. At present the evacuees are being absorbed in the LECCE area.

2. The enquiry put forward in the attached telegram, International Red Cross, GENOVA, covers not only the categories handled by this Subcommission and the Italian National Committee but static and migrated Italians who are not known to any of the above and who may or may not be known to any other branch of ALG or A.C.C.

3. The D.P. Subcommission has no functional responsibility toward the problem as a whole, but will cooperate to the utmost in cases involving its categories. The problem is one for a branch or organization having representatives at communal level which the D.P. Subcommission does not have. Normally, I would imagine, the Italian Red Cross would be the proper agency to undertake the task, possibly supervised by welfare (F.H.). The American Red Cross is rapidly establishing its services over the area controlled by Allied authority and certainly would cooperate to the limit of its ability.

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F. H. MACFARLAND,  
Lt Colonel,  
Director.

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#2 Geneva presumably putting the pump through lines for us to handle.  
#3 Food needed, far worse than clearance of messages. If we can do all needed in way of food, clothing, and other when essential communications between German occupied and "allied released" portions of Italy, I can't see how we can handle this extra or ask any agency other than Italian Red Cross to clear approved messages.

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HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Public Health Sub-Commission

AMG/3095/PH.

SUBJECT: -Italian Prisoners of War.

TO : -Chief Staff Officer.



15th November 1943.

Reference attached message from A.F.H.Q.--May a reply please be made in the following lines.

1. The request for radio time on the Palermo radio for the Italian Red Cross referred to in your inquiry (NR 7366 dated 7th Nov.) arose because the reorganized Italian Red Cross in Sicily was asked to establish a clearing center for P.O.W. information.
2. The organization found its efforts to perform its functions handicapped by the lack of communications on the Island.
3. The suggestion was made that in the past the radio had been used to convey information regarding P.O.W. to their families and it was decided to request the use of the Palermo radio for this purpose.
4. After the investigation the request seemed reasonable and it was so recommended.

EFW/jg

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

ENCLOSURES:

- 1.-Copies (2) Message from A.F.H.Q.

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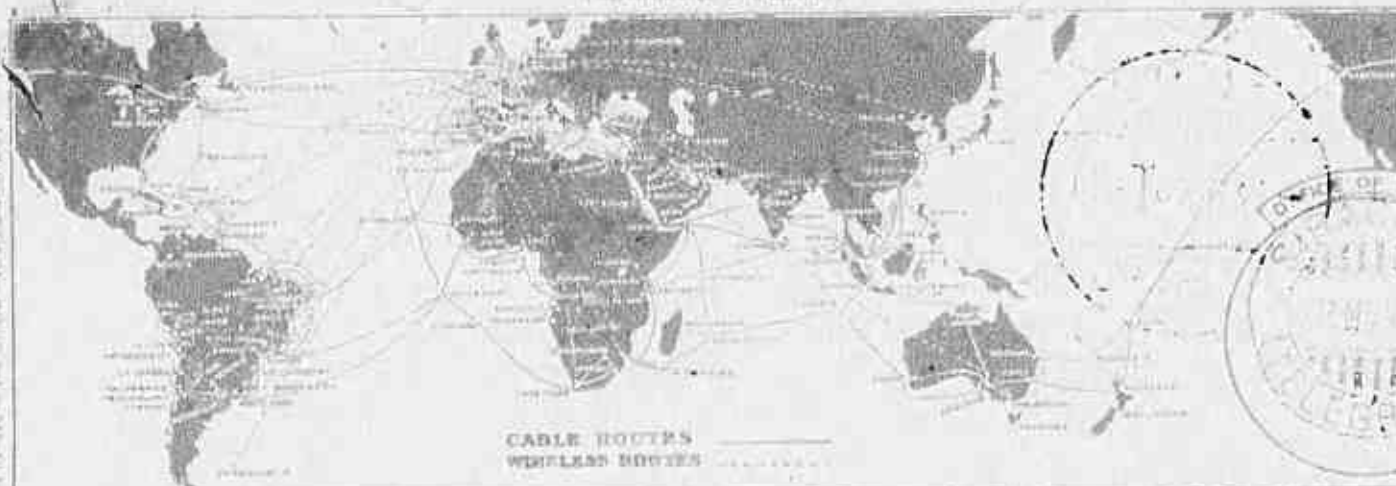
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international committee redcross geneva greatly preoccupied increasing  
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at present stop in order ensure our traditional humanitarian practice may  
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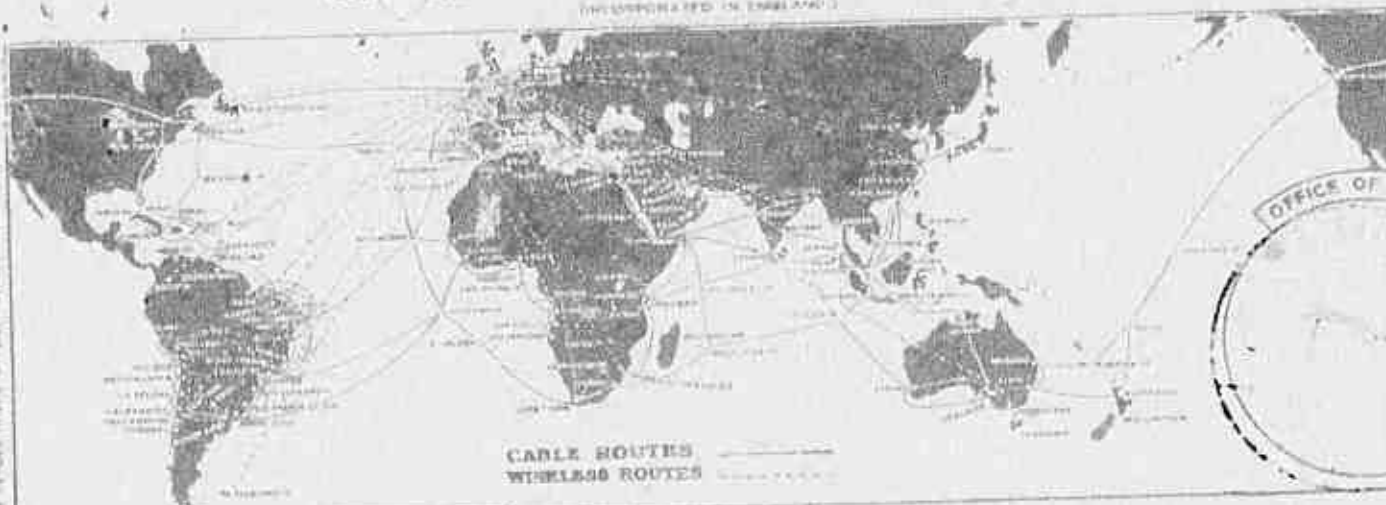
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be willing undertake transmission messages and inquiries concerning civilians and combatants living these areas stop should you consider it feasible cooperate in transmitting such communication which are solely of humanitarian character we take liberty outlining briefly this work stop we are holding geneva large number civilian messages twentyfive words on special forms from persons living northern italy or enemy belligerent countries to persons living territories southern italy and sicily stop these messages are made out on forms printed with heading national redcross sender countries and contain names addresses senders and addressees and a twentyfive word message of family news stop we should appreciate if those messages which

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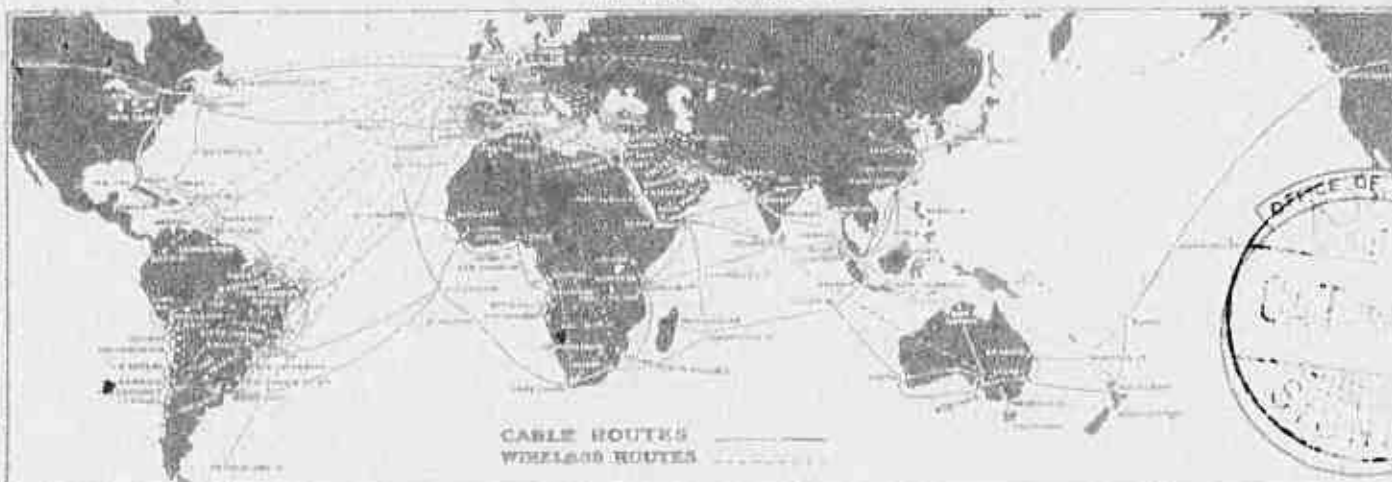
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pass in transit geneva where contents are checked could be forwarded their beneficiaries through your kindness or intermediary italian redcross organizations which you would indicate to us stop beneficiaries would then be authorized write twentyfive word answer family news on back of same forms stop should also like civilians living territories southern italy and sicily be permitted send their relatives northern italy or enemy belligerent countries civilian messages on forms which would be supplied them by italian redcross organizations on spot who generally are familiar this method correspondence stop with this in view have forwarded this communication italian government southern italy requesting them cooperate in applying

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this scheme but should be grateful if you would direct allied organizations southern italy and sicily cooperate as far as they are concerned in forwarding this correspondence and in reducing as much as possible time required censorship stop civilian message forms which allied organizations or italian authorities would collect would be sent international committee redcross geneva to be forwarded by us to beneficiaries living northern italy or enemy belligerent countries stop may we recall civilian message scheme twentyfive words approved all belligerent states was ~~introduced~~ introduced by international committee redcross and been in operation since beginning war for benefit civilians belligerent countries who seek news their nextofkin in

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enemy belligerent countries stop have also abeyance genova certain number inquiries pertaining civilians living sicily and southern italy where allied forces are stop should appreciate if you would inform us whether we may send them to you either for inquiries to be made your kind offices or by local italian redcross organizations who like those all other countries well accustomed this work stop in this connection would add these inquiry applications called civilian inquiries are distinct from civilian messages described above for they are undertaken when relatives have been long deprived news their nextofkin and it is presumed inquirees have left their

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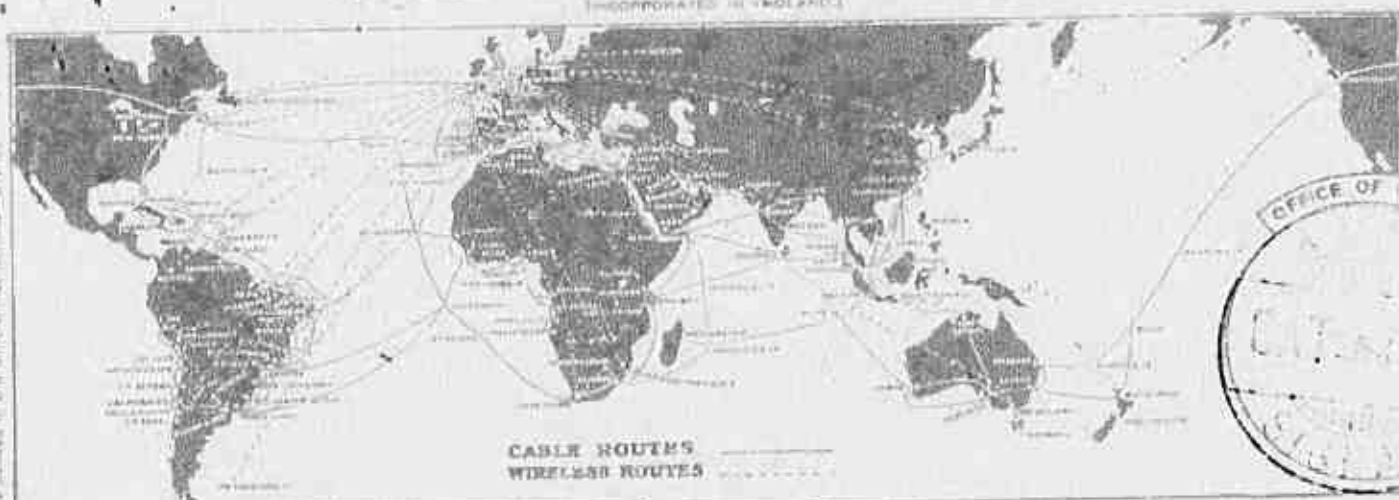
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homes or are dispersed or missing as result of war stop think it useful indicate that for inquiries on civilians and forwarding abovementioned civilian messages cooperation sections national or local redcross has proved very effective this work often requiring investigations amongst civilian population stop consider it might therefore be useful contact be established for this purpose between appropriate allied organizations and local sections italian redcross stop if you agreed lend your cooperation further in following humanitarian task we should also like send you investigations about combatants belonging former german and italian fighting

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forces sicily and southern italy about whom central prisoner of war agency to whom relatives apply has been hitherto without news stop should greatly appreciate your opinion on above suggestions and stress urgency of reply which we hope favourable in view distress dispersed families stop when you have been able examine suggestions could you supply us with address to which we could at once forward batches of mail stop grateful appreciations in advance for kind attention this matter which is allimportant our activities and normal sequence our work =

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Italian Red Cross

NR00/3031/01

Headquarters Main 15th Army Group  
(Chief Mission Officer A.C.A.)

1 November

1. Reference is made to our communication of 29 September, 1953 regarding the request of the Italian Red Cross for use of the Italian radio for the A.C.A. service.

2. No answer to this inquiry has been received.

3. Copy of the original communication is enclosed with a request that prompt action be taken because of the urgency of getting this service established.

By command of Brigadier General McLean

S. L. WASH  
Lt. Col., A.C.A.  
Chief of Secretariat

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ITALIAN RED CROSS  
Headquarters Main 15th Army Group.  
(Chief Liaison Officer I.S.O.)

15/25/43

25 Sept. 43.

1. The Italian Red Cross in Sicily is attempting to act as an information center concerning Italian prisoners of War.

2. Means of communication are almost non-existent for the exchange of this information.

3. Since the armistice there has been a large increase in inquiries concerning members of the Italian Armed Forces by members of their families.

4. Would it be consistent with military policy to allow the Italian Red Cross to use the Palermo Radio to broadcast the names of prisoners on a list indicating the state of their health?

CHARLES W. STAFFORD  
Colonel, I.S.O.  
Chief Staff Officer.

