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WATER ANALYSIS
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MEMORANDUM
ALSO MILITARY DEVELOPMENT
Public Health Sub-Commission

10 November 1945

AM/312/47

SUBJECT: - Emergency Chlorination of Water
Used by 7th Army Personnel.

TO: - Assistant, AM, Hq.

1. It has come to the attention of this Directorate that gross contamination of the local water supply by bacteria, suspected to be typhoid, has been found by a local Army Unit. This contamination is reported to have been detected at three Army installations in Salerno.

2. Such an occurrence is to be expected in view of the facts that:
a. Fall rains have increased the exposure of surface contamination into ground water layers by broken water mains.
b. There remain many broken sewer lines and water mains running in close proximity, cross connections, and leaking water valves, and
c. Water is shut off at night and there is probable back-siphonage of sewage caused by negative pressure in the water mains.

3. The following recommendations are made:

- a. All water used by AM, Officers and other units in Salerno should be chlorinated until further notice.
- b. Water should be obtained for messes from a 7th Army Water Point, should be taken from a chlorinated source in water bags or should be used from individually chlorinated supplies in canteens.
- c. The Supply Officer should draw and issue necessary equipment and chlorine compounds.

4. This Directorate will furnish, through the Unit Medical Officer, Captain Price, and its Sanitary Corps Officers, such consultation as may be requested by those carrying out these instructions.

G. V. Parkinson
D. V. PARKINSON, Brigadier
Director, Public Health Sub-Commission.

Copy: - A.C.S.C., Region I (attention A.C.S.C.)
Captain Price
File 312/47

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 512

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AMG/3065/10

15 November 1943.

SUBJECT: Requirements Region I - Lead.

TO : AFHQ - HQS (3)

1. 50 tons of lead are required in Sicily for repairing water mains and for lining certain containers at the "Arenella" citric acid plant.
2. It is understood from Lt. Col. Kochig that 4,000 tons of lead are ready for shipment in Sardinia.
3. Will you please inform this HQ if shipment can be arranged from Sardinia, what prices are quoted and how payment should be effected. Present supplies of lead will be exhausted by 1 December.
4. Will you please also say how much zinc, if any, is available in Sardinia.

For the Commanding General:

DISTRIBUTION:

HEAD, Region I
P.W. & U. Sub-Commission.

W. F. EVANS *W. F. Evans*
Colonel,
Acting Director, Industry
and Commerce Sub-Commission.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
and
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission

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AC/180/PWU

18 November 1943.

Subject: Laws to be put into effect by the Italian Government.

To: Economic Director.

This Sub-Commission wishes to offer the following.

We have asked that the Palermo Water Company be authorized to send representatives into inhabited buildings for the purpose of checking water leaks. They advise us that they have no authority to do so. We do not know what the laws are, either local or national, on such subjects but, under present conditions, it must be obvious to anyone that the A.C.G. should be able to direct, and Italian laws should permit, entering any premises, anywhere in an effort to carry out the functions of restoration and conservation etc. wherever they may be and what end may be sought.

L. A. JERRY,
Lt-Col. C. B. R.
Acting Director.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Public Health Sub-Commission

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AMG/3038/PH

12 November 1943

SUBJECT: - Emergency Chlorination of Water
Used by AMG Personnel.

HEADQUARTERS

12 NOV 1943

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TO : - Adjutant, AMG., HQ.

1. It has come to the attention of this Directorate that gross contamination of the local water supply by bacteria, suspected to be typhoid, has been found by a local Navy Unit. This contamination is reported to have been detected at three Navy installations in Palermo.

2. Such an occurrence is to be expected in view of the facts that:
a. Fall rains have increased the seepage of surface contamination into ground areas traversed by broken water mains.
b. There remain many broken sewer lines and water mains running in close proximity, cross connections, and leaking water valves, and
c. Water is shut off at night and there is probable back-siphonage of sewage caused by negative pressure in the water mains.

3. The following recommendations are made:

- a. All water used by AMG. Officers and other ranks in Palermo should be chlorinated until further notice.
- b. Water should be obtained for messes from a 7th Army Water Point, should be taken from a chlorinated source in lister bags or should be used from individually chlorinated supplies in canteens.
- c. The Supply Officer should draw and issue necessary equipment and chlorine compounds.

4. This Directorate will furnish, through the Unit Medical Officer, Captain Price, and its Sanitary Corps Officers, such consultation as may be requested by those carrying out these instructions.

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

Copy: - R.C.A.C., Region I (Attention R.D.P.H.)
Captain Price
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