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| SERIAL NUMBER   | FROM-                 | DATE     | TO-                  | SYNOPSIS                                                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|----------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 28) MGS 2006    | Col. Spafford         | 5 May    | CC                   | U.S.A. Typhus Control Thredal                                  |
| 29) ?           | Midcast               | 6 May    | CC                   | For due Malaria 7 May                                          |
| 30) 154/155     | CC                    | 11 May   | CCS, AFHQ            | Int. Field Hospital to study malaria & safety zones            |
| 31) 154/155     | CC                    | 12       | Gen. Morris          | Presidence for Parkinson's organ                               |
| 32) 154/155     | CC                    | 13       | CC                   | Red Cross Mail (20) (20)                                       |
| 33) 314/155     | CC                    | 14       | CC                   | Presidence for Parkinson's organ                               |
| 34) —           | Gen. Morris           | 15       | CC                   | Reply in negative to (31) Presidence                           |
| 35) AG-100      | PBS                   | 18 April | CC                   | Malaria Control in the Army                                    |
| 36) AG/7        | AFHQ                  | 17 May   | AFHQ, NCC            | Hospital of St. Louis, Missouri                                |
| 37) CC/P/357    | CC                    | 20       | Gen. Morris          | Accs. rept. of 34. Presidence                                  |
| 38) ACC/100/100 | Brig. Parkinson       | 29       | CC                   | Hospital Accs. & report, St. Louis                             |
| 39) AG/100/100  | AFHQ                  | 20       | NCC                  | St. Louis                                                      |
| 40) 154/155     | AFHQ                  | 1 May    | Various              |                                                                |
| 41) 154/155     | Brig. Parkinson, AFHQ | 4 June   | CC (154/155)         | Proposal for the creation of Sanitary and safety zones         |
| 234.1           | Pub. Sec.             | 11 May   | Min. Foreign Affairs | IRC Committee proposal for creation of Sanitary & Safety zones |
| CC/P/376        | C.G.                  | 9 June   | Min. Foreign Affairs | Times not opportune.                                           |
| 10) 154/155     | Army S/C              | 10 June  |                      | Medical Supplies - St. Louis                                   |
| 154/155         | Public Health S/C     | 16 June  | Various              | Treatment of malaria with atabrine & mepracrine                |

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| 1) 42/DCAO                                            | GEN. ROBERTSON                      | 26 JAN.                      | GEN. MAC F.                                                  | W'DRAWAL OF U.S. TYPHUS COMMISSION FM NAPLES AND REQUEST FOR MED. OS.                                                 |
| 2) DP/P/29                                            | GEN. MAC F.                         | 31 JAN.                      | GEN. ROBERTSON                                               | IN ANSWER TO (1)                                                                                                      |
| 3) FARGO 667                                          | GEN. MAC F.                         | 1 FEB.                       | FREEDOM                                                      | REQUESTING MED OS + EQUIP. TO COMBAT TYPHUS IN NAPLES                                                                 |
| 4) FARGO 814                                          | Gen MAC F.                          | 7 FEB.                       | FREEDOM                                                      | ACC TO ADMINISTER TYPHUS CONTROL STARTING 20 FEB CONTINGENT AVAIL. ABILITY ADEQUATE PNL.                              |
| 5)                                                    |                                     | 14 FEB.                      |                                                              | MEETINGS OF TYPHUS CONTROL BOARD, 14 FEB.                                                                             |
| 6) FARGO 1146                                         | COLLINS                             | 21 FEB.                      | AFHQ                                                         | PERSONNEL + TRANSP SITN. OF TYPHUS BOARD SATISFACTORY                                                                 |
| 7) FREEDOM 54226                                      | CINC                                | 22 FEB.                      | FARGO                                                        | ESSENTIAL PARKINSON COME HERE WITH ALL DATA                                                                           |
| 8)                                                    |                                     | 24 FEB.                      |                                                              | MINUTES OF MEETING OF TYPHUS CONTROL BOARD/29/FEB.                                                                    |
| 9) ACME, 37740<br>234/12/CA<br>234/13/CA<br>234/14/CA | HQ, ACME<br>BRIN LUSH<br>" "<br>" " | 1 MAR<br>8 MAR<br>" "<br>" " | ENCL. COMH 2100<br>CAO, HQ, ACME<br>VARIOUS<br>VP, ADM. SEC. | HE LAWS TO PUNISH PIMPING + THUS LESSEN DANGER OF V.D.                                                                |
| 10)                                                   |                                     | 10 MAR.                      |                                                              | MINUTES OF TYPHUS CONTROL BOARD, 3/10/44                                                                              |
| 11) ACME/3066/13/A(0)                                 | BRIN HANSEN                         | 13 MAR                       |                                                              | FORMATION OF HYGIENE ADVISORY BOARD                                                                                   |
| 12) ACC/3016/PH                                       | LT COL. SHIELDS                     | 14 MAR                       | ADM. DIRECTORATE                                             | RE-NOTIF BY HEADS OF FAMILIES OF TYPHUS CASES, RED CROSS HOSP AT SIRACUSA, & RE-NAVAL OF " - SPLIES FM TRAIN AT FOGIA |
| 13) ACC/3040/PH CC/770                                | Gen. Mac F.                         | 24 Mar.                      | Dr. Soper, Rock. Fdn.<br>Typhus control over.                | Can you ethy to do Typhus research work in Naples? How about malaria.                                                 |
| 14) ACC/3040/PH CC/770                                | Dr. Soper                           | 27 "                         | Gen. Mac F.                                                  | Replies to (13).                                                                                                      |
| 15) FAT 2841                                          | Maj. Dr.                            | 31 "                         | Freedom                                                      | From Soper to R. Fuller Foundation re Typhus + Malaria Control Program                                                |
| 16) " 2987                                            | " "                                 | 6 April                      | "                                                            | From Soper to R.F. Italy more important than Egypt.                                                                   |
| 17) AAI/3066/40                                       | Hq, AAI                             | 8 "                          | Hq, ACC                                                      | Hygiene Advisory Board                                                                                                |
| 18) —                                                 | —                                   | —                            | —                                                            | Minutes of Malaria Conference                                                                                         |
| 19) F 33600                                           | Fdm                                 | 17 Apr.                      | Fatima                                                       | Col. Russell - going to W'ton to rpt. on malaria sitn.                                                                |
| 20) 1/1-1/AS                                          | L. Stansfeldt                       | 18 "                         | Sec. Gen.                                                    | Col. Russell - attch re assigned                                                                                      |
| 21) F 31047                                           | Fdm                                 | 12 "                         | Fatima                                                       | Replies to (16).                                                                                                      |
| 22) WAR 2700Y                                         | Sanger                              | 24 "                         | Soper                                                        | Monel work.                                                                                                           |
| 23) 226/53/CA                                         | CC                                  | 26 "                         | MAGS, AFHQ                                                   | Maj. Stansfeldt - supplying 500 gms                                                                                   |
| 24) CC/6252                                           | CC                                  | 1 May                        | Dr. Soper                                                    | Thank you for your ACC/3040/PH of 4/27                                                                                |
| 25) F 4448<br>Main 37740                              | Fdm<br>Dr.<br>Col. Williams         | 3<br>29<br>29                | ACC Main<br>Fdm<br>Fdm                                       | Typhus control in Yugoslavia                                                                                          |
| 26) ACC/3040/PH                                       | L. Stansfeldt                       | 5 May                        | CC                                                           | Small Pox - Naples + Toronto                                                                                          |
| 27) —                                                 | Col. Williams                       | 5 May                        | CC                                                           | Justice Ltr from Dr. Sanger                                                                                           |

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner  
APO 394

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28 September 1944

SUBJECT: Newspaper article giving certain medical statistics for Rome  
TO : Colonel Lewin-Harris, G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters

Attached is copy of newspaper article in question which appeared  
in the New York "Times" on 5 September 1944.

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as above

ELLERY W. STONE  
Captain, USNR  
Acting Chief Commissioner

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"NEW YORK TIMES", 5 September 1944

O'DWYER RETURNING TO ASK AID TO ITALY

Brings Report to Roosevelt on Alarming  
Mortality and Food Shortage Con-  
ditions

Highest Rate is in the First Year ---  
Tuberculosis Victims Reach 200 per 1,000

By Herbert L. Matthews  
By Wireless to the New York Times.

ROME, Sept. 4 -- The situation in Italy with regard to food, public health and mortality has become so alarming that Brig. Gen. William V. O'Dwyer, Chief of the Allied Control Commission's economic section, left Rome today on a dash back to Washington to place facts and figures before President Roosevelt.

Both he and other high officials here feel that not only humanitarian considerations of first rate importance are involved but that the whole test of whether we can give an example in Italy of the American way of life is in jeopardy.

The figures are so terrifying that they can be allowed to speak for themselves. It should be kept in mind that the Allies armies began the conquest of Italy on Sept. 3, 1943, and entered Rome on June 4, 1944.

The infant mortality rate for Italy for children in their first year per 1,000 for live births in the years 1931 to 1935 average 104.7. From 1936 to 1940 it was 102.8. The figures for Rome alone (it is naturally impossible to get all-Italy figures now) for June, 1943, was 287 per 1,000 and for June 1944, 393; for July 1943, 269 and for July, 1944, 438.

POLETTI ALLOCATES MILK

So alarming was this situation that the Office of Col. Charles Poletti Allied Military Government Chief of the Rome area, has arranged to allocate milk destined for children between the ages 1 to 5 years to babies under 1 year, which has brought the latter's death rate down but obviously brings up the question what is now going to happen to children between 1 and 5. 54597

The general mortality trend is also upward, figuring from last year to this. For instance, in June 1943, in Rome 1,373 persons died against 2,535 in June, 1944. Similar figures for July are 2,032 and 2,321.

The tuberculosis death rate in Rome from January to July, 1944, was 3,450 as compared with the pre-war rate of 1,200. It is estimated that people are now dying of tuberculosis in Italy at the rate of 200,000 annually as compared with the pre-war rate of 60,000.

An AMG Rome health officer said about two months ago that the incidence of tuberculosis in Rome was about 200 per 1,000.

Here is the food situation. Before the war the average Italian individual consumed about 2,900 calories daily without alcohol and 3,100 with. During the first eighteen months of war the Italian basic ration in Rome was 1,391 calories daily. During the next twelve months it was 1,129. For nine months before the entry of Allied troops it reached an all-time low of 304.50.

VITAL NEEDS ESTIMATED

Since the Allied occupation a basic ration of 664.77 calories daily has been allowed.

It is estimated that the vital needs of the population are a basic ration of 1,400 calories with available ration foods to bring the daily total up to 2,700.

As things are now it is officially estimated that the average Italian has lost five to ten pounds in weight. In short, it is officially admitted that the Italian diet has caused a general loss of weight in population, an increase in general and infant mortality, an increase in the tubercular rate and a general increase in mortality to all diseases.

If the present basic ration is not increased there is no doubt in the minds of Allied medical and health authorities that existing mortality rates will show a continued increase.

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FURTHER OUR SUGAR THREE THREE THREE OF ONE SEVEN SEPTEMBER PAREN TO AFHQ FOR  
GEORGE FIVE FROM HQ ACC FROM STONE PAREN INFANT MORTALITY FIGURES FOR AUGUST  
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ONE FIVE ZERO PER THOUSAND ~~IN AVERAGE OF TWENTY PERCENT OVER LAST YEAR~~

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Outgoing Message No. S-333, 17 Sept 44, continued:

ONE SEVEN SIX EIGHT SAME PERIOD ONE NINE FOUR FOUR PD INCREASE IN TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS IN MORE FIRST SIX MONTHS ONE NINE FOUR FOUR OVER COMPARE PERIOD ONE NINE FOUR TWO IS FOUR THREE PER CENT PD IN VIEW OF ROMAN FOOD CONDITIONS AND SITUATION OF THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES AND PRISON NAUGHTS SUFFERED DURING THE CAMPAIGN IT IS INACCURATE TO APPLY THE SAME PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE IN TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS TO ALL ITALY PD EVEN APPLYING SOME PERCENTAGE INCREASE TO ONE NINE FOUR TWO FOR ALL ITALY WOULD MAKE ONE NINE FOUR FOUR ESTIMATE FIVE TWO ZERO FIVE NINE AND NOT REPEAT NOT TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO ZERO ZERO INDICATED IN PRESS REPORTS REFERENCE CABLE PD ROMA THREE PD ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION CMA THE BASIC RATION SCALE IN ROMAN PROVIDED THREE ZERO FIVE CALORIES PER PERSON PER DAY PRIOR TO ALLIED OCCUPATION PD SINCE THEN OUR BASIC RATION SCALE HAS ALLOWED SIX SIX FIVE CALORIES PER DAY PD THE BANCA DOG ITALIA RESEARCH SECTION HAS COMPUTED THE ACTUAL FOOD DISTRIBUTED ON THE RATION TO HAVE BEEN CMA PER PERSON PER DAY ONE FOUR TWO ZERO CALORIES IN JUNE CMA SIX FOUR FIVE IN JULY CMA SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT IN AUGUST PD IN ADDITION TO THE RATION CMA CALORIES ARE OBTAINED FROM UNRATIONS FOODS PD DURING SEPTEMBER THE QUANTITY OF UNRATIONS FOOD AVAILABLE SHOULD BE INCREASED DUE TO CONTINUING EFFORTS TO COORDINATE AND MAKE MORE EFFECTIVE THE LIMITED TRANSPORT PD ROMA FOUR PD GENERAL CORNELI TOWN WITH HIM TO THE UNITED STATES COPIES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SUBCOMMISSION FIGURES ON THE RATION SCALE PD THE BANCA DOG ITALIA FIGURES ARE IN THE LASEBNA SETTIMANALE CMA COPIES OF WHICH ARE REGULARLY FORWARDED TO AFHQ FOR CHARLIE CHARLIE SUGAR

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner  
APO 394

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29 August 1944

Subject: Reorganization - Italian Red Cross

To : Public Health Sub-Commission  
Through: Administrative Section.

It is suggested that a brief resume of the facts as to what has been done and your recommendations as to further action in this case be prepared in the form of a memorandum and submitted to me.

Stone.

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DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: AUG290905B OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE/ REO-280

THIS HEADQUARTERS APPROVES APPOINTMENT OF MR ERNEST GANZ

AS INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS COMMITTEE DELEGATE SICILY VICE MR

KUHN. MAY INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS COMMITTEE HQ ROME BE

INFORMED ACCORDINGLY. INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS COMMITTEE

REPRESENTATIVE HERE FURTHER DESIRES TO KNOW IF MR GANZ

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/3078/13/TE

14 AUG 44

SUBJECT: Medical Supplies.

TO: Acting Chief Commissioner.

Since my 3078/13/TE of 3 Aug. about 270 tons part of the supplies on order for the period 1 Jul-31 Dec have arrived. If it is an overall proportion of the whole order it should be sufficient for about two months. The immediate crisis is over but local shortages may occur until distribution is effected and that depends upon transport.

The situation will be improved as to the future if an application, which I have made to A-1 for release of the Angelini Chemical Works at Ancona, is successful. These works are at present in the occupation of Germans. Raw material is available (German in origin) and if they can be got going, it will save future shipping space and provide a local source of supply and put people back to work.

G.H. URSCH, Col  
A/Head, Admin Section.

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9 August 44

Colonel Upjohn:

Would appreciate your suggestions as to what steps  
we could take to correct the situation.

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Administrative Section

ACC/5972/13/PH

3 August 1944

SUBJECT : Medical supplies

TO : Chief Commissioner,  
Allied Control Commission.

1. The Director of Public Health Sub-Commission informs me that supplies for the period 1 July 1944 to 31 December 1944 have not as yet been received, even in part.

This non receipt of supplies, a partial shipment of which should have arrived in early July will unquestionably result in unfavorable criticism from many sources.

2. The director of Supply Branch, Public Health Sub-Commission learned, while in Washington, D.C. 6 June to 20 June 1944, that final approving action on this requisition was taken during that period and that first shipments would not be made until about 11 July from the U. S. A. Recent radio from AFHQ indicated first expected shipments medical supplies will be during period 19-26 August.

3. A small reserve has prevented serious shortages to date but the public health Sub-Commission cannot assume responsibility for distribution of medical supplies which do not arrive for the maintenance period involved. Even after arrival of these supplies a considerable period must of necessity elapse before they can be delivered to final using destination due to present transportation problems.

/s/ G. R. Upjohn  
/t/ G. R. UPJOHN  
Colonel,  
Acting Head Adm. Sec.

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Subject: Medical Supplies - Italian Armed Forces



Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.  
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LEQUIL (LEGGE) HQ ACC, APO 394  
6/4/1935  
10 June 44  
By 17 June 1944  
AB

Director of Public Health Sub Commission, ACC.

Reference your ACC/3121/TH of 5 June 44.

1. A Medical Depot Stores for reception of all supplies for Italian Armed Forces has been requisitioned at Taranto. Supplies will be shipped direct from U.K. commencing in August 44.
2. Indents are compiled by Italian Army and include requirements of Navy and Air Force. Army Sub Commission forward to AAI and thence to AFHQ for approval before transmission to U.K. Redistribution is entirely an Italian Army responsibility.
3. Your offer of accommodation is appreciated and may still be needed.

W. H. Haggard  
Major, R.A.M.C.  
D.A.D.N.S.  
Army Sub Commission, ACC.

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Copy to: ~~Medical Supply Branch, Public Health Sub Comm. ACC.~~  
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Ref. CC/0/376.

9th. June, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: The Royal Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

1. Reference is made to the Allied Control Commission's memorandum of May 11, 1944, indicating that the Ministry's communication of May 8, 1944, concerning the proposal of the International Red Cross Committee for the establishment of sanitary and safety zones had been referred to the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean.
2. In reply, the Allied Control Commission has now been informed that the present time is not considered opportune to revive the question of the creation of sanitary and safety zones in Italian Government territory or in enemy occupied territory; nor to pursue the suggestion that a mixed Allied and Italian Commission to discuss the matter be set up.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,  
Lieutenant-General,  
Chief Commissioner.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Office of the Chief of Staff

4 June 1944

SUBJECT: Proposal for the creation of Sanitary and Safety Zones.

TO : Chief Commissioner, HQ, Allied Control Commission

1. Reference is made to your CC/G/275 of 11 May.
2. It is not considered that the present time is opportune to revive the question of the creation of sanitary and safety zones in Italian Government territory or in enemy occupied territory and that the suggestion to set up a mixed Allied and Italian Commission to discuss the matter should not be pursued.
3. Apart from the above and obvious practical difficulties of siting any such zones, it is questioned whether the International Red Cross Committee is a body through whom the Allies should negotiate with the enemy on a matter of this nature.

*J. H. Gammell*  
J. H. GAMMELL  
Lieutenant General  
Chief of Staff



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May 11, 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: The Royal Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Reference is made to the Ministry's Communication of May 8, 1944, concerning the proposal of the International Red Cross Committee for the establishment of sanitary and safety zones. A copy of the Ministry's communication under reference has been referred to the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater, with the request that the Allied Control Commission be informed of the views of the Allied Governments in this respect.

As soon as any reply is received, the Ministry will immediately be informed.

Samuel Reber  
Vice President Allied Control Commission  
Political Section

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Public Health Sub-Commission

HQ ACC, APO 394

30 May 1944

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ACC/3073/PH

29 May 1944

SUBJECT: - Hospital Accommodation & Equipment,  
Italian Army.

TO : - Ass't. Secretary General,  
For the Chief Commissioner.

Reference letter from Army Sub-Commission AQ/7/1 dated 20 May 44,  
passed to this Sub-Commission for comment:

I am in complete agreement with the letter of the Director of the  
Army Sub-Commission.

While it is agreed that the Allied medical requirements have first  
priority, the continuous requisitioning of hospitals and equipment is making  
it more and more difficult for the Italians to allow their medical services  
to function.

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

No action seems  
called for. As I have  
a copy of letter under reference

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386.2  
SUBJECT: Hospital Accommodation and Equipment - Italian Army.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.  
Main HQ (MILIA)  
REQUIRE (LISCE)  
A.C.C./A.  
10 May 44.

H.Q. ACC  
NAPLES.

Reference your Adj. 386.2 of 13 May 44, the correspondence is returned with the following comments: -

1. While it is accepted that Allied medical requirements have first priority it is essential that consideration should be given to the needs of the Italian Medical Services both in respect of accommodation and equipment in view of the number of ITALIAN troops fighting in the line and working for the ALLIES.
2. In CALABRIA alone, due to Allied requisitioning, the Italians lost 9966 bedspace, the majority being in their best and biggest hospitals. They were left with 1100 bedspace. This has gradually been increased by improvisation in second rate buildings to 3,000 bedspace. To cover present and future needs in CALABRIA a further 1500 - 2000 beds are required; of these 1000 are urgently required. The matter has been referred to D.M.S., AAI and D.D.M.S. 3 District.
3. In addition to losing accommodation, such equipment, surgical X-ray and laboratory facilities were also lost as these were in many cases permanent fixtures. About 6000 beds, mattresses, etc have also been requisitioned.
4. Due to loss of hospital trains and ambulances the transfer of patients to less crowded areas has also proved difficult and is uneconomical except with long-term cases. On a recent visit to the principal Italian hospital in NAPLES (Maracoli School) on 6. 5. 44 there were 820 beds and 1009 patients in hospital, about 200 of whom were sleeping on straw in tents in the Courtyard.
5. Further accommodation and equipment (especially beds) is required. No more are available in CALABRIA from Italian resources.  
Application for assistance in the matter of beds has been made by Italian Ministry of War and it is now under consideration whether it will be necessary to issue Allied equipment. If so, the anomalous situation will arise whereby the Allies will use Italian equipment and vice versa.
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6. It is, therefore, requested that every consideration consistent with Allied needs should be given to the return of equipment, in order that the Italian Medical Services may remain capable of dealing with their own sick and wounded without becoming a burden to the Allies.

*Public Health Sub-Commission* 4582

*Pharmaceutical*

*Medical*

tvS:WJH.

*Major General,*  
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

Copy to: D.M.S., H.S. AAI,  
Director of Public Health Sub Commission, ACC.  
D.D.M.S. 3 District.  
MED. MIA.

*Med.*  
*15/5*  
BASIC: Ltr 118th Sta Hosp, dtd 8 May 44, subj: Interpretation of Directive.

BPWED 1st Ind. LPAS/WCT/del  
HQ. P.B.S., Office of The Surgeon, APO 782, 11 May 1944.

TO: Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

1. The 118th Station Hospital, formerly the Oespedale Militaire di Trinita, Corso Vittorio Emmanuelle II, was requisitioned in its entirety by the United States.

2. The building and supplies acquired have been in constant use since 12 October 1943.

3. American personnel of the Army, Navy and Merchant Marine are treated in this hospital.

4. Much time and material have been placed into the renovating and building of this hospital.

5. Request information relative to this matter.

For The SURGEON:

*Leo P. A. Swerney*  
LEO P. A. SWERNEY  
Lt. Colonel, M.C.  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Adj: 384.2 2d Ind. LTM/mrh  
HQ ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, APO 394, 13 May 1944.

To: Army Sub-Commission, Lecce

1. Attention invited to basic communication and 1st Indorsement.

2. For comment and return to this Hq, please.

*L. T. Montant, Jr.*  
L. T. MONTANT, Jr.,  
1st Lt, AGD,  
Adjutant.

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Adj: 386.2 2d Incl. LFM/urh  
HQ ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, APO 394, 13 May 1944.

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L. T. MONTANT, Jr,  
1st Lt, AGD,  
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS  
118th Station Hospital  
A.P.O. 387

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8 May 1944

SUBJECT: Interpretation of Directive.

TO: The Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section,  
APO 782, U.S. Army. (Through The Surgeon)

1. On 12 October 1943 this hospital occupied the buildings and requisitioned all supplies then on hand at the Italian Military Hospital.

2. Request interpretation of paragraph 1 b, Circular No. 13, Allied Force Headquarters, dated 1 May 1944, as to whether this hospital is excepted from those provisions requiring reservation of supplies for the Italian Army.

3. Loss of this materiel would seriously involve the efficiency of this hospital.

For the Commanding Officer:

  
A.S. DUTTON,  
Lt. Colonel, MC,  
Executive Officer.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
APO 512

1 May 1944

CIRCULAR )

NUMBER 13)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALLOCATION AND ASSIGNMENT  
OF CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIEL

Circular Number 63, this headquarters, 1943, is hereby rescinded. The following instructions outline the organization, and prescribe in general the procedure to be followed in the allocation and assignment of serviceable and repairable captured enemy materiel.

1. Definitions.

a. Captured Enemy Materiel. For the purpose of this directive all equipment, stores, and supplies previously belonging to all arms and services of the Ground Forces of the enemy. (Equipment, stores and supplies previously belonging and peculiar to Naval and Air Forces of the enemy will be dealt with in accordance with directives to be issued by C-inC Mediterranean Naval Forces and CG, MAF).

b. Italian Materiel. All Italian Materiel belonging to all arms and services of the Italian Ground Forces and in the possession of the Italians at the time of the armistice is considered as Italian Materiel and, except as otherwise directed by this headquarters is reserved for the use of the Italian Army under the direction of the Army Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.

2. Organization.

a. The responsibility for the assignment of serviceable and repairable captured enemy materiel and the maintenance of necessary records pertaining to such materiel and supplies is placed upon a Special Staff Sub-Section of the Quartermaster Section this headquarters, known as Captured Enemy Materiel Section (previously called Captured Enemy Materiel Executive Committee). It is an integrated section consisting of American and British officers.

b. Captured Enemy Materiel (C.E.M.) Sub-Section representing C.E.M. Section this headquarters will be attached to Headquarters of Armies, Districts, Areas, and Base Sections whenever the presence of captured enemy materiel renders it necessary.

c. The instructions contained herein are not to be interpreted in any way as relieving Commanding Generals of Armies and Areas of their responsibility for collecting, sorting, classifying, safeguarding and evacuating captured enemy materiel in accordance with existing instructions to specified parks, dumps, etc.

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3. Duties and Responsibilities.

a. G-3 (Org), this headquarters.

- (1) Formulates and assigns priorities for captured enemy materiel.
- (2) Processes all communications with higher authorities.

b. Quartermaster C.E.M. Section, this headquarters.

- (1) Formulates policies for the operation and controls C.E.M. Sub-Sections at subordinate headquarters.
- (2) Calls for, receives, and collates all reports from C.E.M. Sub-Sections at subordinate headquarters.
- (3) Lists separately serviceable and repairable materiel and obtains allocation instructions from G-3 (Org).
- (4) Receives all demands for allocations of captured materiel and processes such demands to G-3 (Org) for allocation instructions.
- (5) Issues disposition instructions based on G-3 allocations.

c. C.E.M. Sub-Sections at other headquarters.

- (1) Forwards to this headquarters (C.E.M.) lists of captured enemy materiel. These lists will, as far as practicable differentiate between serviceable and repairable materiel, and will normally be prepared by the special staff or service concerned.
- (2) Advises and cooperates with Special Staff or Service on matters pertaining to the collection, classification, listing and servicing of captured enemy materiel.
- (3) Makes inspections of dumps or parks containing captured enemy materiel to determine whether instructions for collection, sorting, classification, and safeguarding are being followed.
- (4) Renders reports called for by higher authority.
- (5) Obtains and processes disposal orders on serviceable and repairable captured enemy materiel from Quartermaster C.E.M. Section this headquarters. (For disposal of Salvage (British) or unserviceable materiel (U.S.) see paragraph 4 below).

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4. Procedure for collection and Disposal of Salvage (British definition) and unserviceable materiel or scrap (U.S. equivalent). This will continue under normal procedure. The basic document in the case of United States forces is Circular Number 18, Headquarters MATOUSA, 1944.

5. Demands for Captured Enemy Materiel. These will be addressed to C.E.M. Quartermaster Section, this headquarters, through the following channels:

Inside the Theater

- For Intelligence Research through G-2; this headquarters.
- For Operations through G-3 Operations, this headquarters.
- For Training through G-3 (Trg), this headquarters.

Outside the Theater

- For Intelligence Research through G-2, this headquarters.
- For all other purposes through London Munitions Assignment Board.

6. Removal of Materiel or Supplies. When an agency or supply service is allocated captured enemy materiel or supplies, it must assume the responsibility for identifying materiel or supplies for which they have approved allocation instructions and to arrange for their removal from area, park, or dump in which located, and for their preparation for shipment within the theater or for destinations outside the theater. (AG 400.93-1-D-0)

By command of General WILSON:

J. A. H. GAMBELL,  
Lieutenant General, Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/ H. V. Roberts  
H. V. ROBERTS,  
Colonel, AGO,  
Adjutant General.

Reproduced, Hq. Peninsular Base Section,  
APO 782, 6 May 1944. W.A.

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FRM/rj

Ref. CC/1/307.

20th. May, 1944.

Many thanks for your letter of 16th. May about the lost French  
Frigideires and for the trouble you have taken.

So far I am without further news of them .

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,  
Lieutenant-General,  
Chief Commissioner.

Major-General E.P. Nares, CBE, MC,  
G.O.C.,  
No. 2. District.

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Decl

Subject:- Hospitalisation of Italian Co-Belligerents.

Read 20 May 1944

By *[Signature]*

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

Main HQ. (MIA)

LEQUITE. (LECON)

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17 May 44

HQ. A.C.C. (2)

Reference AFHQ Letter MGS 705.1-I dated 5 May 44  
attached.

1. The Italian Ministry of War have been consulted on the taking over of 7607, Italian Station Hospital in PALESTO, and are greatly in favour of the proposal.
2. It is recommended that the proposals contained in para.3 of AG 383/76(I RMD) dated 14 Feb 44 be adopted, and the personnel of the hospital be released outright to the Italian Government subject to the normal security demands. This is essential both from the undesirability of mixing P.W. and Co-Belligerents, and because of the already serious shortage of Italian Army doctors.
3. It is further recommended that FIVE Italian Ambulances be returned for the use of the Hospital. This is considered most important, as none are available from the mainland, where already there are not sufficient for requirements.
4. If the above proposals are agreed, the Medical Directorate of XII Italian Corps (SICILY) will arrange to take over the Hospital which will then be under command XII Italian Corps.
5. The correspondence in reference is returned herewith.

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*F. J. Noan*  
for Major General. *[Signature]*  
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

Copy to: "G" MIA.  
MED. MIA.  
Lt. Col. ALBERT c/o I.R.S.

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From: Maj-Gen EP Nares CBE, MCH.O. No. 2 DISTRICT,  
C.M.F.

Dear General.

Rec'd 18 May 11 45  
By EJM (H)

16 May 44

In answer to your CC/P/279 of 12 May.

I have made enquiries about the two  
Frigidaire and they do not appear to have arrived on  
this side.

As, presumably, they were loaded in N.  
Africa and required to be delivered to French HQ in  
NAPLES I do not think they are likely to have come to  
an East coast port. It is more likely they were  
off-loaded at NAPLES, and they may still be there.  
Without more definite information as to date and port  
of loading and how the packages were consigned and  
marked it is difficult to try and trace them.

As their provision was probably arranged  
by AFHQ at ALGIERS, I suggest that Gen Clark (CAO) or  
Gen Lewis (ICAO) at AFHQ be asked to trace from their  
end. Meanwhile I have instructed my Medical branch  
to watch out for their arrival here, and ensure they  
are despatched to French HQ at NAPLES.

Yours sincerely

- Emil P. Nares

Lt-Gen FM Mason-MacFarlane, KCB, DSO, MC,  
HQ Allied Control Commission,  
C.M.F.

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

15 May 1944  
JH

14 May 1944

Ref/314/132/CA

SUBJECT: Chief Commissioner's Report March 1944.

TO : Director, Public Health Sub-Comm.

1. Reference is made to your letter ACC/3120/PH,  
8 May 1944.

2. The error in the Chief Commissioner's report  
for March will be corrected in the April report which  
is now being prepared.

ALFRED C. BOWMAN  
Lt. Col.  
Asst. Director  
Civil Affairs Branch

Copy to:  
Secretary General ✓

(letter and accompanying papers returned)

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REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394

Public Health Sub-Commission

ACC/3120/PH

8 May 1944

SUBJECT: - Chief Commissioner's Report,  
March 1944.

TO : - Secretary General, HQ. ACC, APO 394.

1. The Chief Commissioner's report for March 1944, Para. 55 states that the work of the Typhus Control Service is now to be handled by the Rockefeller Foundation and the Italian civilian medical and lay group.

2. It is regretted that the March report of the Public Health Sub-Commission, Para. B, 1, lays itself open to this interpretation.

3. It is a fact, however, that the Typhus Control Service is still the responsibility of this Sub-Commission and is headed by Lt. Col. Williams, the Deputy Director of the Sub-Commission. He is still the Director of the Typhus Control Service activities, but in these activities is relying more upon the services of the Rockefeller Foundation and Italian agencies and less upon the services of ACC medical men, who have been released for other spheres of activity.

4. It is trusted that this explanation will clarify the situation.

PH/GMF/ja

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



*To CA Br*  
*To note, and*  
*for any action considered necessary*  
*11 May*  
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REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

HQ ACC, APO 394

Sec'y Gen.  
Rec'd 14 May 1945  
By JTB.

ACC/3068/1/PH

13 May 1944

SUBJECT: - Red Cross Personnel (British & American).

TO : - Chief Commissioner,  
Allied Control Commission.

The Director of Public Health informs me that he has discussed the question of getting out more Red Cross workers from the United Kingdom with Mr. Jefferson (ARC), who feels, as does Brigadier Parkinson, that we should not ask for more than we are able to employ at once and considers that at the moment eight are all that are required to supplement those already in the field.

The type of worker required is one who has had experience of community organization and who is accustomed to team work as this training is essential for the work required among the Italian people.

As more Red Cross workers with these qualifications will be required, not only in this theater of war but in others in the near future, it would be well if such training was included in the course of instruction of Mobile Units who may be called on to proceed overseas.

It is generally agreed that the many activities connected with Welfare have only been made possible through the complete cooperation and help which has been given by the Red Cross workers in the field.

PH/GSP/ja

*R. Stansgate*  
STANSGATE,  
VP Adm Sec.

Copy to: - Mr. W.W. Jefferson,  
American Red Cross  
Director of War Relief,  
APO 782.

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PERSONAL

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also SF*

Ref. CC/P/279.

12th. May, 1944.

*My dear Nares,*

Sorry to bother you with a trivial matter but these small questions sometimes assume diplomatic importance.

2. I understand that two Frigidaires have recently been consigned to the British medical authorities at Bari. I can procure no more exact information.

3. These Frigidaires are *destined for* required by the French Women's organisation in this country for keeping blood for transfusion purposes.

4. The Head of this organisation is Mde. Catroux and she has personally asked me to endeavour to find out what has happened to these Frigidaires and to have them sent to French Headquarters in Naples.

5. I would be most grateful if your staff could look into this and send along the Frigidaires if they succeed in finding them.

NOEL WASON MACFARLANE,  
Lieutenant-General,  
Chief Commissioner.

Major-General E.P. Nares, CBE, MC,  
G. O. C.,  
No.2. District,  
BARI.

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CC/G/275

11 May 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: The Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters.

SUBJECT: Communication from the Italian Government concerning International Red Cross Proposal for the Creation of Sanitary and Safety Zones.

There is enclosed a copy in translation of a communication from the Italian Government dated 8 May 1944, referring to a Memorandum which the International Red Cross Committee has addressed to the Governments of belligerent countries concerning a project for the creation of sanitary and safety zones. The Italian Government proposes that the question be examined by a mixed Allied and Italian Commission.

The Italian Government has been informed that its communication has been forwarded for the attention of the Supreme Allied Commander. I shall be grateful for an indication of the nature of the reply I should make to this proposal. Should it be desired that any discussions be undertaken with the Italian authorities here, I should be furnished with specific instructions regarding the views of the Allied Governments in this matter and a copy of the project itself.

*Noel Mason MacFarlane*

NOEL-MASON MACFARLANE  
Lieutenant General,  
Chief Commissioner.

c.c. U.S. Representative,  
British High Commissioner

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R. MINISTERO  
DEGLI  
AFFARI ESTERI

8 MAR 1944

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# NOTA VERBALE

Il Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa ha fatto pervenire al R.Governo un suo Memorandum 15 marzo 1944 concernente la eventuale creazione di zone sanitarie e di sicurezza.

Il C.I.C.R. ha in pari tempo informato che tale Memorandum ha fatto oggetto di una simultanea comunicazione ai Governi delle altre Potenze belligeranti.

Con il suo Memorandum il C.I.C.R., ricollegandosi al progetto di convenzione elaborata nel 1938 e rimesso a tutti gli Stati nel gennaio 1939 come documento preliminare in vista di una conferenza diplomatica, che lo scoppio della guerra ha impedito, riprende l'iniziativa tendente alla creazione di zone sanitarie di sicurezza per la protezione di :

- a) feriti e malati militari
- b) feriti e malati civili
- c) alcune categorie della popolazione civile che non partecipano in nulla, nemmeno indirettamente, alle ostilità e non contribuiscono in nessun modo all'aumento del potenziale bellico degli Stati ( bambini, vecchi, donne in stato di gravidanza e donne con i figli in tenera età ).

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Il C.I.C.R. prega il Governo italiano :

- a) di pronunciarsi sul principio della creazione di tali zone e di far conoscere: 4568
- b) le zone che esso pensa di destinare alla protezione delle categorie di persone su indicate.

Alla Commissione Alleata di Controllo

S a l e r n o

R. MINISTERO  
DEGLI  
AFFARI ESTERI

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c) le condizioni alle quali esso accetterebbe riconoscere le zone stabilite da parte nemica, specialmente per ciò che concerne il loro controllo.

Il R. Governo, relativamente al punto a), ha già incaricato la R. Legazione a Berna di informare il C.I.C.R. che esso è favorevole al principio della creazione di zone sanitarie e di sicurezza e che si riserva di comunicare eventualmente le richieste precisazioni di cui a b) e c).

Il R. Ministero degli Affari Esteri ha l'onore di esprimere l'avviso che per ovvie ragioni umanitarie sarebbe assai opportuno favorire lo stabilimento di zone sanitarie e di sicurezza che, naturalmente, offrissero le necessarie garanzie di una effettiva smilitarizzazione.

Poichè la proposta è stata anche sottoposta ai Governi delle Nazioni Unite ed in considerazione della presente collaborazione e delle operazioni belliche nel territorio italiano, una decisione circa l'effettiva realizzazione delle zone sanitarie e di sicurezza dovrebbe naturalmente essere previamente concordata dalle competenti Autorità alleate e dalle Autorità militari e civili italiane.

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Il R. Ministero degli Affari Esteri ha l'onore di pregare la Commissione Alleata di Controllo di volerlo cortesemente informare, appena possibile, delle proprie decisioni al riguardo.



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DEGLI  
AFFARI ESTERI

TRANSLATION

The International Red Cross Committee has forwarded to the Royal Government a Memorandum dated March 15th, 1944 concerning a project for the creation of sanitary and safety zones. The I.R.C.C. added that the Memorandum was being sent to the Governments of the other belligerent Countries.

With this Memorandum the I.R.C.C., recalling the draft convention of 1938, which was sent in January 1939 to every State as a preliminary document in view of a forthcoming diplomatic conference, which the outbreak of war prevented, takes up once more the initiative tending to the creation of sanitary and safety zones for the protection of :

- 1.) military wounded and sick
- 2.) civil wounded and sick
- 3.) certain categories of the civil population that do not in any way participate in the hostilities, not even indirectly, and do not in any manner contribute to the increase of the war potential of the Nations ( children, old people, pregnant women and women with very young children).

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a) to give their opinion regarding the principle of creating such zones;

b) to inform which zones they consider setting apart for the protection of the categories abovementioned ;

c) to state the conditions on which they would accept to recognise the zones established by the enemy, <sup>4565</sup> early as regards the control exercised by the I.R.C.C.

As regards item a) the Royal Government have already already instructed the Royal Legation at Bern to inform the I.R.C.C. that they are in favour of the principle of creating sanitary and safety zones and that they will eventually communicate the required information set out in items b) and c).

R. MINISTERO

DEGLI

AFFARI ESTERI

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The Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs have the honour to express the opinion that for obvious humanitarian reasons it would be convenient to facilitate the establishment of sanitary and safety zones which, naturally, should offer the necessary guarantees of an effective militarization.

As the proposal has also been submitted to the Governments of the United Nations and in consideration of the present state of co-belligerency and military operations on Italian territory, any decision regarding the effective realization of the sanitary and safety zones should, naturally, be previously agreed upon by the competent Allied authorities and the Italian military and civil authorities.

The Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs, therefore, has the honour to suggest that the question be examined by a Mixed Allied and Italian Commission.

The Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs will be grateful if the A.C.C. will be so good as to inform, as soon as possible, of their decision in the matter.

SALERNI, May 8th, 1944.

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As the proposal has also been submitted to the Governments of the United Nations and in consideration of the present state of co-belligerency and military operations on Italian territory, any decision regarding the effective realization of the sanitary and safety zones should, naturally, be previously agreed upon by the competent Allied authorities and the Italian military and civil authorities.

The Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs, therefore, has the honour to suggest that the question be examined by a Mixed Allied and Italian Commission.

The Royal Ministry for Foreign Affairs will be grateful if the A.C.C. will be so good as to inform, as soon as possible, of their decision in the matter.

SALERNO, May 8th, 1944.

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LMON FOX DUE NAPLES ABOUT 7 MAY REURAD 4337 OF 5 MAY FROM MCALLISTER  
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Military Government Section

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MGS: 200.6

5 May 1944

SUBJECT: United States of America Typhus Commission Medal.

TO : HQ A.C.C.,  
Attn: Chief Commissioner.

1. Attached is extract (Sec. V) from War Dept. Circular 142 of 11 April 1944, relating to award of the United States of America Typhus Commission Medal.

2. It is suggested that appropriate officials in A.C.C. give consideration to the matter and forward through American official channels, with copies to this Section, recommendations for the award to individuals, British or American, who have made notable contributions to the work of typhus control and who qualify under the terms of the circular.

Incl:  
as above

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD  
Colonel, G.S.C.  
Chief of Section

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DPH, HQ, ACC, (Rear)

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMMISSION  
APO 394

5 May, 1944.

SUBJECT: Letter from Dr. W.A. Sawyer, Rockefeller Foundation.

TO : Lieut. General MacFarlane, Chief Commissioner, HQ, A.C.C.

in part

For your information, I am quoting a recent letter from Dr. W.A. Sawyer, Director, International Health Division, Rockefeller Foundation as follows:

\*\*\* "I believe that my recent letter to you has already stated that we were notifying Dr. Soper that the International Health Division was accepting the invitation to work in Italy on malaria and typhus control and he will doubtless plan the details of our relationships. It is a great satisfaction to know that he will be working with such good friends of ours, including yourself, Brigadier Parkinson, and Colonel Russell. The whole plan, as far as we understand it, seems an ideal entrance by the Division into the war and postwar work in Europe. Needless to say, we are enthusiastic at this early beginning under such good auspices. The problem now is to find the required personnel and assign it as quickly possible. We have already arranged for Dr. Kumm to come home from Colombia, establish his family here, and leave for Italy toward the end of June. Mr. Knipe, who is now in Mexico, will be available at about the same time."

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I believe Dr. Sawyer's comment regarding "post war work in Europe" will be of especial interest to you because of the long range aspects of malaria and typhus control programs inaugurated under ACC.

*WAW*  
WILSON C. WILLIAMS, Lt. Col. M. C.  
Deputy, Dir. P.H. Sub-Commission.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394  
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/3090/PH.

5 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Small Pox - Naples and Taranto.

TO : Chief Commissioner, HQ ACC, APO 394.

- 1 Cases of Small Pox have occurred in both Naples and Taranto. The following is a summary for your information of the position and of the steps taken.
- 2 NAPLES. 16 cases have been reported of which in 11 cases the diagnosis has been confirmed. 5 suspects cannot be found, over half of these cases have occurred in the Toledo Area west of the Via Roma.  

Supplies of vaccine have been provided and the Municipal Medical Officers have been strengthened by teams lent by the Typhus Control Branch. It has not been possible to trace all contacts. The publication of an order for general vaccination is under consideration.
- 3 TARANTO. 5 cases have occurred, all are in hospital. 46 contacts have been traced, vaccinated and quarantined. Extra vaccine and medical assistance has been supplied. Mass vaccination is in progress.
- 4 The Italian Government have issued an order containing medical instructions for control, notification etc, which is applicable to the whole of unoccupied Italy and among other matters provides:
  - a for vaccination of Italian nationals employed in contact with Allied Forces.
  - b for vaccination of children attending primary and secondary schools.
  - c for isolation and vaccination of suspects, and
  - d for voluntary vaccination of others with some degree of propaganda to induce persons to volunteer.



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VP Adm Sec.

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Col. Williams  
P.H. Sub-Com.  
Hq Region II

L. T. MONTANT, JR  
2nd Lt, AGC  
Adjutant

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PROPOSED CABLE

TO: CINC FREEDOM FOR TRANSMISSION FOX USAFIME

CLARIFICATION YOUR F-40988 REFERENCE OUR 3992 OF 29 APRIL. MEDICAL DIRECTOR NLAY REPORTS TYPHUS IN EAST BOSNIA AND REQUESTED IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE. EXTENT OF EPIDEMIC UNKNOWN. ORIGINAL CABLE SUGGESTED NOTIFICATION BRIGADIER GENERAL FOX, DIRECTOR, USA TYPHUS COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS AT CAIRO, USAFIME, WHO SHOULD IN TURN CONTACT LIEUT. COLONEL NIKOLIC, MEDICAL MISSION CARE NLAY, BARI, REGARDING PERSONNEL AND SUPPLY NEEDS AND SOURCE FROM WHICH SAME WOULD BE PROVIDED SINCE AREA OUTSIDE ACC JURISDICTION AND UNDERSTAND USATC HAS RESOURCES AND AUTHORITY ASSIST THIS SITUATION. TYPHUS CONTROL REPRESENTATIVE ACC AVAILABLE CONFERENCE FOX AND NIKOLIC IF DESIRED AT BARI OR ELSEWHERE.

*Chief Commission -  
above cable drafted by Col Williams  
who requests your approval before sending.  
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

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M/C NO : 107/3

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FILED : MAY 03 1755

FROM : FREEDOM SIGNED GING SITE FORMS

REC'D : MAY 03 2351

TO : ACC MAIN

Clarification requested of your 3992 of 29 April addressed here atten-  
tion Surgeon. Reference to USAFMA not understood. Particularly requested  
are details of where and what numbers of personnel and supplies are requested,  
who is expected to supply.

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4 May 44. Action copy sent to  
Col. Williams)

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29 APRIL 1944

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MAJOR DOE

FREEDOM

MEDICAL DIRECTOR CMA MEDICAL MISSION CMA NLAY RPT NLAY REQUESTS IMMEDIATE  
PERSONNEL CMA SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE FOR TYPHUS CONTROL AMONG  
CIVILIANS AND NLAY UNITS PD PAREN TO AFHQ ATTENTION SURGEON FROM AOC MAIN  
SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN REQUEST IMMEDIATE TRANSMISSION THIS INFORMATION  
FOX USAFIME WITH SUGGESTION RE CONTACT NIKOLIC CARE OF HQ FORCE TWO SIX SIX  
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L. T. MONTANT, Jr  
2nd Lt, AGD  
Adjutant

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Hq Region II

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMMISSION  
TYPHUS CONTROL BRANCH  
APO 394

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28 April, 1944.

SUBJECT: Request for Typhus Control Assistance by Medical Mission, NLAY.  
TO : Chief Commissioner, HQ, ACC.

The Chief Medical Officer, Medical Mission, NLAY has made written and verbal requests to the Typhus Control Branch for assistance in the control of typhus fever among civilians of Eastern Bosnia and to some extent among the units of NLAY. The requests are for an epidemiologist and organizational personnel and for insecticide and equipment.

Since the area in question is understood to be outside the jurisdiction of this Sub-Commission it is suggested that the attached cable or such modification as indicated be transmitted to AFHQ for transmittal to Brig. Gen. FOX, USAFIME at the earliest possible time.

*Wilson C. Williams*  
WILSON C. WILLIAMS, Lt. Col. M. C.  
Director, Typhus Control Branch.

KCW/mtc.

*Executive Commission*

*When you have  
any comments this draft  
cable may issue.*

*Sic. Gen.*

*Issue - copy to* *CA Williams*  
*PH. Subc*

*Regt*

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PROPOSED CABLE TO C.G. FREEDOM - ATTENTION SURGEON FOR TRANSMISSION FOX, USAFIME.

Medical Director Medical Mission, NLAY requests immediate personnel, supply and equipment assistance for typhus control among civilians and NLAY units. Request immediate transmission this information Fox USAFIME with suggestion he contact Nikelic c/o HQ FORCE 266 regarding situation since area outside jurisdiction this commission. Typhus Control Director this commission familiar with situation and available conference Fox and others at Bari *or elsewhere if needed.*

*Call 4555*

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Ref. CC/O/252.

1st. May, 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Dr. Fred L. Soper,  
Representative of the  
Rockefeller Foundation,  
c/o Public Health Sub-Commission,  
Allied Control Commission.

*To Brig. Lusk, 1 May 44*

Thank you for your ACC/3040/PH cc 720 of April 27th..

I was very glad to get the information contained in this memorandum.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,  
Lieutenant General,  
Chief Commissioner.

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CONFIDENTIAL.Ref: 226/53/CA.26th April 1944.

SUBJECT: Medical Stores and Distribution in Sardinia.

TO : Military Government Section,  
Allied Force Headquarters.

1. I have delayed replying to your MCS: 014.4-8 of 8 March 1944 until I could extract all the information available.

2. My Executive Commissioner has seen Mr. Coahie who tells him that he had no intention of implying to you that there was anything seriously wrong but he felt that he had to draw your attention to the fact that medical supplies had been landed in Sardinia and had not yet been distributed. He admitted that it would have been far better had he reported the matter directly to this Commission who could have given him information which would have modified his views, and he now regrets that the matter should have assumed such large proportions.

3. However, it is necessary to answer the points raised by him and the implications made by you that the state of affairs is very wrong. First of all I should like to state that the story about the deaths occurring owing to a lack of medical supplies is untrue. In particular the deaths reported from Nula have been carefully investigated and are now reported by the Medico Provinciale to have totalled six, all of whom died from natural physical causes. The Medico Provinciale reports that it is most improbable that the presence or absence of medicines would have effected the result of the illness and that his commune is close to Benetutti where there is a pharmacy which had reasonable supplies of essential medicines.

4. The delay in distribution of stocks of medicines from the "James Randall" was due to the fact that no price list had arrived with the drugs and that the eventual price list was made out in US currency and US weights, dosages were in US terms and some of the drugs were in a form not familiar to Italian doctors. All the necessary conversion tables, translations and instructions to Italian doctors had to be prepared by Capt. Brooke. The Regional Commissioner, who was aware of the delay and approved of it, rightly states that to have made an empirical broadcast distribution of the "James Randall" shipment without tables and price lists would have been quite unjustifiable and would have involved gross inefficiency and serious waste of very precious supplies.

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5. The Regional Commissioner considered that distribution should not be made until he had discussed the matter with the Medical officer in charge of Medical Supplies for this Commission. This officer was unfortunately delayed in Tunis until 28th February.

6. That the officer in charge was unaware of the nature of the supplies was due to the fact that no ship's manifest or shipping list was sent with the supplies and that every case had to be opened in order to prepare a detailed inventory.

7. The Medical Officer in charge of Medical Supplies for this Commission was in agreement with the Regional Commissioner.

8. I think there was delay in distributing these supplies. It is possible that the supplies could have been distributed to the satisfaction of Mr. Goshie and other critics but not necessarily to any great amelioration of the health of the island. Had they been so distributed a scandal would have arisen on the question of finance and undoubtedly a great waste would have occurred.

9. It is very easy on a short visit to pick up criticisms of administration without knowledge of all the facts. It is dangerous to disseminate such criticisms without discovering the facts.

10. I should like you to know that the course taken by Brigadier Dunlop has my approval, that the medical supplies are now being distributed and I should like you to realise the difficulties attendant on the distribution in Italy of unpriced, and to the local population, unknown drugs, without causing loss, waste, and financial difficulties that take many months to overcome.

COL. MASON MACPHERSON,  
Lieutenant General,  
Chief Commissioner.

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Gen MacFarlane

24 APRIL 1944

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS AND STAYER INFORM SOPER ACC  
FROM : SAWYER THROUGH BAYNE JONES SIGNED KIRK  
REFERENC NR. : WAR 27008

for info

TRANSMITTED IS THE FOLLOWING MSG WB 16 WCR NR A78 230200Z  
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HEAD HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394  
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

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18 Apr 44.

SUBJECT : Request for Re-assignment Col. P.F. RUSSELL MO.

TO : Sec. Gen. HQ AMC APO 394

1 It is suggested that the following reply should be sent to  
F 33600 date time 171747 ( a copy of which is attached).

" PAUL F RUSSELL MO SERVICES REQUESTED YOUR F 33600 DATE  
TIME 171747 CANNOT POSSIBLY BE SPARED. SPECIALLY ASSIGNED  
THIS HQ TO ORGANIZE MALARIAL CONTROL. PRESENCE ESSENTIAL.  
AT THIS TIME THE INITIAL AND PLANNING STAGE.

2 If the Chief Commissioner approves will you please arrange for  
a cable as above to be despatched.

STAGGATE,  
VP Adm Sec.

Copy to: Public Health Sub Commission.  
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April 16/0040  
April 17/1747  
F 33600

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*Paul F. Russell*

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*Paul F. Russell*

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MINUTES OF MALARIA CONFERENCERoom 29, Provincia Building  
8 April 1944MEETING ATTENDED BY:

Lt. General Mason MacFarlane  
Brigadier G. S. Parkinson

Colonel P. F. Russell, MC  
Colonel W. H. Crichton, RAFC  
Lt. Colonel J. D'Arcy Charnock, RAFC  
Lt. Colonel H. D. Chalke, RAFC  
Lt. Colonel T. N. Page, MC  
Lt. Colonel T. Parr, RAFC  
Lt. Colonel W. C. Williams, MC

Major Davidson, RAFC  
Major R. H. Yeung, MC  
Major Ivan Isaacs, MC  
Major R. A. Roberts, SMC  
Major P. J. Stein, MC  
Captain Joseph J. Bowen, MC  
Captain Maxwell R. Brand, MC  
Captain W. MacKenzie, RAFC  
Captain R. A. Elliot, MC  
Medecin Capitaine Reynaud  
Captain S. O. Hill, SMC  
Captain O. H. Adams, SMC  
1st Lt. M. Manzelli, SMC  
Sq/Ldr W. O. Davis

Chief Commissioner, ACC  
Director of Public Health Sub-Commission,  
ACC

Chief, Malaria Control Service, ACC  
RPHO Region III  
ADM 3 District  
ADM 411

RPHO Region IV

SAFHO 1st 5th Army

Deputy Director, Public Health Sub-Commission, ACC

DAHM 24 Sub-Area

Malaria Control Service, ACC

Army Air Forces/ATO

5th Army, Malaria Control

PBS, Hygiene Officer

Malaria Control, 5th Army

Malaria Control, PBS

Province of Naples

Typhus Control Service, ACC

Laboratoire du CEF, Malariaologist

Regional Malariaologist, Region III

28th Malaria Control Unit, 5th Army

Entomologist, Malaria Control Service

Representing Group Captain F. E. Lipscombe, Consultant in Tropical

Medicine, RAF, MAF

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BRIGADIER PARKINSON:

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Major R. H. Young, MC  
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Malaria Control  
 Army Air Forces/ATO  
 5th Army, Malaria Control  
 PBS, Hygiene Officer  
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 Province of Naples  
 Typhus Control Service, ACC  
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 Regional Malaria Control, Region III  
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#### BRIGADIER PARKINSON:

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"Italy and the surrounding islands are highly malarious in many parts. Especially Sardinia, among the islands. It has been a problem in the past -- it will be very much greater now, with the destruction of pumps and the blocking of canals. It seems to me that we must have complete cooperation if we are going to get anywhere. ACC MIG forward areas are responsible for the civilian side of control, but malaria knows no bounds and it is important for the troops to be kept free from malaria. Many of you know that at the landing on the beach at Salerno, there were too many cases of malaria. We are going to try to prevent anything like that again. During peace time in Italy there was a set-up for controlling malaria. A great deal of that has been thrown out of joint by lack of personnel, transport, equipment, etc. We have got to do all we can to get the civil control agencies going as quickly as possible. I think that malaria control can be divided into long and short term programs. I think we should adopt wherever possible, short term programs in the months to come. Short term programs may become long term programs in the end. Try to carry things out up to the end of autumn without trying to establish permanent measures for the next year to come."

Malaria Conference (8 Apr 44)

COLONEL RUSSELL:

"We certainly all agree that the malaria problem this year will be an acute one. The density of the mosquito vectors will be increased because breeding places have been increased. Gametocyte carriers will be more numerous and contact will be more intimate among the general population. I think it is quite true that we must defeat malaria this year or it may seriously delay military operations. It seems to me we all agree on this point. Now, the technical part of malaria control is not a problem. The great difficulty this year, as I see it, is one of organization and coordination. I wrote down the other day a list of allied military entities interested in the control of malaria. There are 41 on the list -- not counting some 42 civilian malaria committees. Obviously, there must be cooperation and coordination of programs.

"The Allied Control Commission recently set up a Malaria Control Service with functions as follows:

"(a) To assist the Senior Civil Affairs Officers and the Regional Commissioners of ACC in restoring civilian malaria control agencies and in directing their activities.

"(b) To coordinate civilian and military control programs as far as possible so that they will give maximum help to the military effort.

"(c) To carry out certain practical and essential field experiments. The insecticide called DDT promises to be very helpful in the control of malaria. It seems possible that through the Malaria Control Service of ACC it might be possible to do some field experiments which would be of practical help to the Army. The Rockefeller Group may be able to help out in this field.

"The staff of the Malaria Control Services consists of the director, one medical officer, one engineer and one entomologist. We want to be called upon for help where military problems impinge on civilian or vice versa. We are all in the Army and are a part of the war effort. Our aim is not malaria control next year, it is malaria control this season, with particular reference to the war effort."

CAPTAIN BRAND:

"The plains of Paestum are under the jurisdiction of PBS. At present there is a Control Unit (23rd Malaria Control) with increased personnel which now consists of one sanitary engineer together with 31 enlisted men and a company of Italian military which are being used as labor. Program consists of an extensive larviciding program. In addition, in the plains of Paestum there have been collected together 50 civilian laborers who are going to clean the canals in that area. I believe that the area south of the Tusciano River can

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"(b) To coordinate civilian and military control programs as far as possible so that they will give maximum help to the military effort.

"(c) To carry out certain practical and essential field experiments. The insecticide called DDT promises to be very helpful in the control of malaria. It seems possible that through the Malaria Control Service of ACC it might be possible to do some field experiments which would be of practical help to the Army. The Rockefeller Group may be able to help out in this field.

"The staff of the Malaria Control Services consists of the director, one medical officer, one engineer and one entomologist. We want to be called upon for help where military problems impinge on civilian or vice versa. We are all in the Army and are a part of the war effort. Our aim is not malaria control next year, it is malaria control this season, with particular reference to the war effort."

CAPTAIN BRAND:

"The plains of Paestum are under the jurisdiction of PBS. At present there is a Control Unit (23rd Malaria Control) with increased personnel which now consists of one sanitary engineer together with 31 enlisted men and a company of Italian military which are being used as labor. Program consists of an extensive larviciding program. In addition, in the plains of Paestum there have been collected together 50 civilian laborers who are going to clean the canals in that area. I believe that the area south of the Tusciano River can be adequately cared for around major military installations by the 23rd Malaria Control Unit."

Captain Brand stated that he did not think he was getting as much civilian help as was needed. It was decided that Captain Hill and Major Davidson would meet with Captain Brand early next week to delimit the boundaries between Paestum and Salerno.

Captain Hill stated that in his area they had some difficulty keeping their pumps supplied with oil and that as yet they have no definite boundaries. Captain Hill further stated that he hoped there would be no objection if they went over boundaries as long as the objective was effectively obtained on both sides.

At this point the supply of oil through the ACC CIP was discussed. Colonel Russell mentioned that there might be some difficulty transporting oil to the different areas, but that in Army areas probably a truck would be available to transport this oil. ACC has already provided oil for civilian use at central supply points, where it is held by the CIP (Comitato Italiano Petroli).

## Malaria Conference (8 Apr 44)

Colonel Russell also noted that military installations are subject to move without previous notice. ACC wants to have civilian agencies ready to continue the work that has been started. Therefore, ACC would like to be fully informed as to what programs are in effect so that if the military moves on ACC can attempt to see that the work continues.

Colonel Crichton agreed on the above point and mentioned that some of the pumps were not functioning because they have either been damaged or lack oil or electrical power. He mentioned the fact that he spoke with Colonel Arnest concerning the current to the pumps in the region of Sessa and that Colonel Arnest would try to assist in the matter.

The electrical power problems in both the 5th Army and PBS sectors were discussed and it was decided that if power was needed in certain sections a request would be put into writing and submitted to the proper authorities. Captain Hill stated that there was a shortage of pumps in his area.

Lt. Colonel Parr stated that in the Province of Sessa during peace time there had been a very good malaria control organization. The doctor in charge of that organization is still there and would like to have the Army help him restart the organization. Colonel Parr mentioned a budget prepared by the Italian doctor requesting money (1 million lire). Colonel Russell said that if such a budget were approved money would be available. Colonel Russell emphasized the importance of stimulating civilians to do work for themselves, so as to save manpower for the armies.

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#### COLONEL RUSSELL:

"Colonel Griffin of the Medical Supply Service, ACC, reports that oil supplies have been distributed on a regional basis where they are now being handled by CIP. I understand that we are to have as much oil as we need this summer."

#### COLONEL CHALKE:

"I would like to bring out a point about Paris Green. I gather that there will be no Paris Green for civilian use. The policy, as I understand it, is that Paris Green would not be available for malaria control for the protection of civilians, but would be for the use of the Allied Forces. But what about the civilian laborers working in cooperation with the Army?"

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It was stated that while there was no official ACC supply of paris green, but in some regions there were small civilian stocks remaining over from last year. Where civilian work was for direct protection of military installations, paris green might be used.

The labor problem was discussed and it was pointed out that there is a definite standard wage scale for the Theater. Laborers working 8 hours a day on a 24-hour day basis with quarters are served 3 meals a day. Day laborers for the Army receive a noon meal for which 7 lira are deducted from their wages.

Under the present set-up Italian contractors have no method of getting Army rations for their men.

Captain Brand stated that at the paris green plant, laborers have been asking for meals to be served to them. He thought the difficulty there lies with the contractors who hired the civilian laborers and offered them higher wages (100-125 lira) a day instead of feeding them.

TRANSPORT

The malaricologist in the Foggia area has reported an Air Force Service Command directive providing for the transport of civilian labor to and from their work. It was agreed that in any area transport would not be a serious problem but that elsewhere considerable ingenuity would be required to provide necessary transportation.

COORDINATION

It was decided that a central information bureau might well be established at the office of the ACC Malaria Control Service, Room #5, in the Post Office Building. Copies of all reports might be sent to this office from which information could be disseminated to those who desired or required it, with due regard for military security.

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HQ ACC, AMSTON 07457

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Recd 10 Jan 16/10

By DFE

Subject: Hygiene Advisory Board

F. I. A. A. I. (1st Regt)

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Reference this HQ ACIP/3095/15/A(D) dated 12 Mar '44.

1. As the Typhus Control Board has now been incorporated in the Hygiene Advisory Board, the local Committee formed under the Authority of this HQ 3095/A.1 dated 11 Jan '44 to deal with various problems connected with typhus control in Naples Area will now be disbanded.
2. The Regional Public Health Officer, A.C.C. Region 3 will arrange to convene a similar Committee for dealing with general public health matters.
3. Members of the Allied Medical Services will be invited to attend.

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Dep S.G.  
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 L. T. MONTANT, JR  
 2nd Lt, AGO  
 Adjutant

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Following message is for trans. mission to

PROPOSED CABLE MESSAGE FOR  
DR. W.A. SAWYER, ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION HEALTH COMMISSION,  
49 West 49th Street, NEW YORK CITY

SAWYER (THROUGH BAYNE-JONES AND KIRK, SURGEON GENERAL OFFICE, WAR DEPT)

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Chief Commissioner —  
Col. Williams of P.H. sub-commission  
requests your approval for the above cable.  
*(PW)*

*Love Handwritten*

OK by me provided  
OK by Brig. Parkinson

*Wm 3/21**6 Apr 44*

Lord Stansgate phoned 3 Apr  
to Major Lee that above  
draft is O.K. by Brig. Parkinson.  
*S.H.*

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L. T. MONTANT  
2nd Lt., A.G.D.  
Adjutant

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29 March

Lord Stanagate.

The Chief  
Commissioner has  
see these papers.

If you approve  
the cable, please  
return to me  
for dispatch.

Approved

*(Signature)*

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Attached draft of cable  
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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEALTH SUB COMMISSION  
TYPHUS CONTROL SERVICE

MARCH 27 1944

SUBJECT: ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION COLLABORATION WITH  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION - TYPHUS AND MALARIA

TO: LIEUTENANT GENERAL NOEL MASON MACFARLANE  
CHIEF COMMISSIONER ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

REFERENCE: ACC/3040/ PH  
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1. Your suggestion that the Rockefeller Foundation continue its collaboration with the Allied Control Commission in the control of Typhus and undertake the investigation of methods for the control of Malaria meets with my full approval. However, the approval of the General Director of the Rockefeller Foundation Health Commission in New York is necessary before definite commitments can be made.

2. My approval is based on the assumption that the Rockefeller Foundation has available the necessary technical personnel which can be assigned to this area and that the Allied Control Commission will secure authorization for transportation for such technical personnel to come out from the United States.

3. There are now three Foundation staff members here available for continued service; one doctor, one bacteriologist, one entomologist. On the basis of preliminary discussions of the proposed program with the Deputy Director of the Public Health Sub-Commission and with the Director of the Malaria Section of the same Sub-Commission, it seems that provision should be made for an immediate increase of staff by the addition of

Two doctors  
One Engineer (Malariaologist)  
One Entomologist

4. It is proposed to transfer the operating headquarters of the Typhus Field Unit of the Health Commission from North Africa here. This will involve securing shipping space for certain office and laboratory supplies now in North Africa.

5. It is understood that the program undertaken by the Rockefeller Foundation is an integral part of the activities of the Public Health Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission which will be responsible for approving the general plan of action and undertaking to make available necessary supplies, transportation and subordinate personnel.

6. Attached herewith is a proposed cable to the home office of the Rockefeller Foundation requesting approval of the proposed program. It is requested that this be forwarded through official channels.

Fred L. Soper  
Representative of the  
Rockefeller Foundation  
Health Commission.

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PROPOSED CABLE MESSAGE FOR  
DR. W.A.SAWYER, ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION HEALTH COMMISSION,  
49 West 49th Street, NEW YORK CITY.

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ACC/3040/PE  
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24 March 1944

Subject: Typhus Control Service

To: Dr. Fred L. Soper,  
Rockefeller Foundation Typhus Control Service,  
c/o Allied Control Commission.

1. As cases of typhus in Naples and district are now occurring only sporadically it is considered that it would be opportune for some of the staff to undertake research work with a view to increasing the knowledge of and improving the technique of handling this disease.
2. It is hoped that you will be able to obtain the consent of the Rockefeller Foundation to your remaining in Naples for this purpose.
3. It is considered desirable that investigations should also be undertaken with regard to malaria and its control in which case an increase of your staff may be necessary; if so, will you please let me have your views on that point.

EDMUND MASON MACFARLANE  
Lieutenant General  
Chief Commissioner

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Dr. Soper has  
been consulted  
and is in  
agreement. The  
letter is formal  
only.

(PDD)

OK.

Signed  
Wm J. H.

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Chief Commissioner ✓

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REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394

Public Health Sub-Commission

ACC/3016/FH

14 March 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Administrative Directorate.

Reference the two questions on Public Health raised yesterday, given below is the information for the Chief Commissioner:

- (a) Italian law demands notification of Typhus by a doctor, but if the doctor is not called in, the case remains unreported. Steps have been taken to get the Prefettura to publish a decree imposing on heads of families the responsibility of notifying to the communal authorities any case of fever lasting two days or over. Col. Crichton reports that this decree has not yet been published, but he is making every effort to expedite it and hopes it will be promulgated in a short space of time.
- (b) Concerning the question of Red Cross property the following information has been obtained:  
The Red Cross Hospital at Siracusa, Sicily was taken over by the Army. It was not properly conducted by the Red Cross and after being put into condition by the Army it was not returned to the Red Cross. The Director of Public Health, Italian Government, informs this office that certain supplies and equipment were taken from a Red Cross Hospital train at Foggia by the Army and the material used to equip three of our trains. He has no further information.

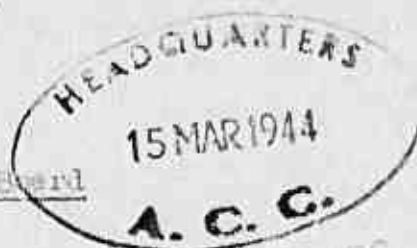
For Brigadier G. S. PARKINSON:

*Charles D. Shields*

✓ CHARLES D. SHIELDS  
Lt. Col. M.C.  
Chief, Hospital & Medical Care Section.

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SUBJECT :- Hygiene Advisory BoardHQ ADP, ADM ECH,  
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1. A Typhus Control Board was established in accordance with instructions issued under this HQ 3095/A1 dated 11 Jan 44 as reconstituted by 3095/A1 dated 21 Feb 44, and a Malaria Control Board was proposed under this HQ 3095/8/A1 dated 15 Feb 44.

2. There are, however, other important aspects of Preventive Medicine which can with advantage be discussed by a representative body of this nature, in order to achieve co-ordination and the production of a unified policy. It has been decided, therefore, to form a Hygiene Advisory Board, which will take over the functions of the Typhus and Malarial Control Boards and will, in addition, be concerned with questions of Hygiene and Preventive Medicine.

3. The Board will be composed of the members of the Typhus and Malaria Control Boards, whose responsibilities will remain as defined in the above quoted memoranda, together with any other Military or Civil representatives whom the Board may decide to co-opt.

4. The Board will advise the C.A.O., A.C.M.F. (Adm. Ech) on all matters of policy relating to Hygiene and Preventive Medicine as well as on questions of Malaria and Typhus, and will report to him as often as is considered necessary.

5. Meetings will be convened by the Chairman and will be held at such intervals as are considered necessary.

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*W. H. W. W.*  
Major-General,  
CAC.

*Thick*  
Secretary Gen. ✓  
Admin. Sec.  
Public Health (Main HQ)  
Public Health (Res. HQ) (2)  
C. A. B.

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## HYGIENE CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of Meeting held on 19 Mar. 1945

The following were present:-

Mr. J. H. Cullinane,  
Colonel  
Colonel  
Lt. Col.  
Lt. Col.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. ✓

2. Lt. Col. Williams outlined the present Typhus position. Cases in Nepal continued to decline. Outside the fall was slower, but food or infection were being well controlled. Collected most of cases were still recurring. Colonel Bracken said that Colonel Williams to notify cases would be struck off the register. A request had been made for the publication of a decree imposing a responsibility in this matter on the heads of families. ✓

3. It was agreed to recommend that civilian Cinemas and Theatres be reopened, subject to the strict enforcement of the following conditions:-

(a) Only those in districts considered by Lt. Col. Williams to be suitable should be opened. ✓

(b) Rigid rules will be laid down and enforced regarding cleanliness. The whole building to be thoroughly washed and disinfected daily. Buildings that do not conform to the necessary hygiene standards will not be reopened. ✓

(c) A.R.G. will be responsible for frequent inspections being carried out. ✓

(d) Tickets will only be issued for the number of available seats. There will be no temporary seating and no standing allowed. ✓

order was still occurring. Colonel Crickton said that Boston's failure to notify cases would be a breach of the register. A request had been made for the publication of a decree imposing a responsibility in this matter on the heads of families.

It was agreed to recommend that civilian clothes and footwear be returned, subject to the strict enforcement of the following conditions:-

- (a) Only those in civilian clothes recommended by Lt. Col. Williams to be suitable should be issued. ✓
- (b) Tight rules will be laid down and enforced regarding cleanliness. The whole building to be thoroughly washed and cleaned daily. Buildings that do not conform to the necessary hygiene standards will not be returned. ✓
- (c) A...J. will be responsible for frequent inspections being carried out. ✓
- (d) Tickets will only be issued for the number of available seats. There will be no temporary seating and no standing allowed. ✓
- (e) They will be open between 1300 and 1700 hrs. only. 4537 ✓
- (f) Armed military personnel will be excluded. ✓
- (g) Any relaxation of these rules will be followed by immediate closure. ✓
- (h) In the event of typhus showing any evidence of increase, all clothes and footwear will be again cleaned. ✓

#### 4. Refuse.

Lt. Col. Williams agreed to arrange for, and obtain control of, delivery of civilian refuse before presented to city.

Colonel Crickton said he was not satisfied with the hygiene

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agreements at various times in Region III. F.O. Medical personnel could well be employed as hygiene duties or well as in Anti-Typhus work. It was agreed that a conference between A.A.O., Public Health Sub-Commission and Refugee Sub-Commission, A.A.O. Medical representatives should be held to co-ordinate the situation.

5. The Refugee Advisory Board.

It was announced by the Chairman that the Typhus Control Board would be incorporated in the new Refugee Advisory Board formed on the authority of the C.A.O., A.A.O.P. (Adm. Ref).

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Surgeon, Peninsular Force Section.  
A.A.O.S., 77 Area.  
Director, Typhus Control Service, Public Health Sub-Commission, A.A.O.

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A.A.O.S., Brit. Exp., 5th Army.

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A.D.H.S., Brit. Inc., 2nd Army.

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Ref: 234/11/CA.

8th March 1944.

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease.

TO : Vice President,  
Administrative Section.

1. I attach copies of letters addressed to Chief Administrative Officer, I.P. A.C.M.P. and Regional Commissioners on the subject of venereal disease.
2. I should be grateful if the strongest representations could be made to the Minister of Interior and the Minister of Justice in order that directions may be given from the Italian Government to give effect to the Italian law on prostitution in the most drastic manner.
3. Our present experience is that the Italian medical authorities play their part well in the prevention of venereal disease but there is no doubt that the law, which is comprehensive, is not being effectively administered either by the Carabinieri or the Courts.
4. I would ask that special instructions be given by the Minister of Justice that cases affecting prostitution should be dealt with rapidly and that severe sentences should be imposed.

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Brigadier,  
Executive Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS,  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,  
A.C. 39.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.  
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Ref: 234/13/Ca.

8th March 1944.

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease.

TO : Regional Commissioners,  
Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VIII & IX.  
S.C.A.O., A.C. 5 Army.  
S.C.A.O., A.C. 8 Army.

1. It is essential that we should, in co-operation with military formations, take all possible steps to prevent the spread of venereal disease amongst Allied troops. While the matter is basically one of discipline in the units and formations themselves, the authorities who administer the law to the civilian population have a very great responsibility in ensuring that everything is done to reduce prostitution and the evils resulting therefrom.
2. The Italian law with regard to prostitution, procurement, and solicitation, is sufficiently comprehensive and severe to reduce the evil to a minimum provided that the law is properly and firmly administered.
3. It is the duty of Regional Commissioners, whether in A.C. or in territory under the Italian Government, to see that the laws against prostitution are administered rigorously and effectively.
4. In order to attain this end Regional Commissioners will see that the full details of the Italian law are brought to the notice of the Military Provost authorities in order that the Military Police may know what is an offence and what is not. Regional Commissioners will also ensure that the Carabinieri enforce the law in co-operation with the Military Police, and finally, they will ensure that Allied Military Courts and Italian Courts deal with such cases severely and rapidly.
5. Provided a concerted drive is made by the Allied Military and Italian Police, by the Allied Courts and Italian Tribunals, and provided that Regional Commissioners instill into their provincial staffs the menace to the Allied Forces which the spread of venereal disease is now causing, and provided that

1. It is essential that we should, in co-operation with military formations, take all possible steps to prevent the spread of venereal disease amongst Allied troops. While the matter is basically one of discipline in the units and formations themselves, the authorities who administer the law to the civilian population have a very great responsibility in ensuring that everything is done to reduce prostitution and the evils resulting therefrom.
2. The Italian law with regard to prostitution, procurement, and solicitation, is sufficiently comprehensive and severe to reduce the evil to a minimum provided that the law is properly and firmly administered.
3. It is the duty of Regional Commissioners, whether in AIG or in territory under the Italian Government, to see that the laws against prostitution are administered rigorously and effectively.
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6. Regional Commissioners will be asked from time to time to go beyond the law and to take extraordinary steps such as the internment of clandestine prostitutes, etc., but provided the law is strictly administered there should be no need to go beyond it.
7. It is of paramount importance that Regional Commissioners should do their utmost to assist the Allied troops in this matter.

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MS/CL  
Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,  
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

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Ref: 234/12/CA.

8th March 1944.

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease.

TO : Chief Administrative Officer,  
Headquarters, A.C.M.F.

I refer to your ACMP/3073/A(6) dated 1. Mar. 44.

1. The Chief Commissioner is most anxious to co-operate in the prevention of venereal disease amongst Allied troops and I am directed by him to say that everything will be done both in areas under Military Government and territory under Italian Government to assist the troops.

2. In the opinion of the Chief Commissioner, the law, both A.M.G. and Italian, is sufficient as it stands. Pimping, prostitution, solicitation, are offences under Italian law which are administered by both Italian and Allied Military Courts and the Italian law deals with the matter as comprehensively as possible.

3. The weakness at the present moment lies in the knowledge by Allied Military Police of the offences under Italian law and in the application of that law by the civil police and the courts of justice. It appears to the Chief Commissioner that in these respects much improvement could be made and it is his intention to issue a directive to Regional Commissioners instructing them in areas under A.M.G. to see that the Allied Military Courts deal severely with all cases affecting the morals of the troops and in the territory under the Italian Government to advise the Italian courts to do the same. A strong representation will also be made to the Minister of Justice in the Italian Government and it is hoped that this will have the desired effect. At the same time the Commissioner feels sure that you will agree that basically the prevention of venereal disease lies in the degree of discipline amongst the troops themselves.

MSL/JA.

MSL  
Brigadier,  
Executive Commissioner.

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Subject: ANC Penal Code.

IF ACMP (Adm. Sch)  
COP.  
ACMP/3073/A (O)  
1 Mar 44  
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Executive Commissioner,  
A.C.C.  
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1. It is desired to take all possible steps in regard to the prevention of V.D. It is understood that pimping, procuration and soliciting are not at present offences against the ANC penal code.
2. Will you kindly inform this H.Q. whether it would be possible to include these actions as offences by the publication of a further proclamation, prescribing penalties of a suitable severity. It appears that the inclusion of brothel-keeping as an offence would not be practicable.
3. If such procedure is possible in the case of the three actions named, may it be stated in what portion of ITALY the proclamation would have effect.

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Major General.  
Chief Administrative Officer.

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TYPHUS CONTROL BOARD

Minutes of Meeting held on 29 Feb. 44.

The following were present:-

|                       |                                       |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Colonel Spencer Cox.  | Chairman. ADMS HQ. ACME (Adm. Ech).   |
| Brigadier Parkinson.  | A.C.C., Public Health Sub Commission. |
| Colonel Arnest.       | Surgeon, Peninsular Base Section.     |
| Colonel Cnecys.       | D.F.M. A.M.G. A.C.M.F.                |
| Colonel Orlenton.     | R.F.H.C., A.M.G. Region III.          |
| Lieut. Col. Williams. | A.C.C. Typhus Control Service.        |
| Lieut. Col. Chelke.   | A.D.H., H.Q. ACME (adm Ech).          |
| Lieut. Col. Sheehan.  | A.D.P., H.Q. ACME (adm Ech).          |
| Major Harrison.       | Representing ADMS. 57 Area.           |

1. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
2. The figures for Naples cases continue to fall - outside they are also decreasing and are under control. Anti-typhus precautions are not being relaxed in any way. The method of inoculation by means of one injection of Typhus Vaccine (2 1/2 cc) has now been employed on 16,000 civilians. There have been no ill effects.

Italian Officers and protected personnel (P.W.) have been allocated for anti-typhus work with the refugee Sub-commission and some are at work in the Anzio region.

Cinemas. The question of re-opening the cinemas was discussed at some length. Col. Orlenton was in favour of this provided all the who visited them showed evidence of having. It was agreed however that no Typhus regulations should be relaxed at present - the position to be reviewed at the next Meeting on the 10th. March. 44.

3. The question of allowing shore leave for Allied naval and cantile Marine personnel was brought before the meeting on the representation of the S.H.O. R.N., Naples.

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(a) Organised shore parties in charge of an Officer or Petty Officer may visit Naples during the day up to 1800 hours.

(b) They will not enter any buildings or houses other than those set aside solely for the use of the Allied Forces.

(c) Before disembarking, a statement will be read out to each party, which will explain the dangers of contact with civilians in a city in which cases of Typhus are occurring.

(d) All trucks will be dusted with insecticide powder before leaving the dock area.

(e) Only inoculated personnel will be allowed ashore.

4. Transport. Lieut. Col. Williams stated that 6 Ambulances and troop carriers had now been made available from British sources and 16 of the vehicles loaned by P.H.S. were being retained - the remainder vehicles had been returned.

5. U.S. Typhus Commission. The Board unanimously agreed that a cord be made in the minutes, of its great appreciation of the work done by the Typhus Commission in bringing the Typhus epidemic under control. The excellent organization set up by the Commission greatly facilitated the assumption of Control Measures by the Allied Control Commission. It was decided to inform Brig-Gen. Fox of this minute.

29 Feb. 44.  
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R.P.H.O., A.H.C., Region III.

*W.D. Griffiths*  
LTJG

Brigadier,  
D.D.H.S.

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A.D.M.S., 57 Area.  
Director, Typhus Control Service, Public Health Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

Copy to:- D.M.S., Office of the Surgeon, A.F.H.Q.  
General Mason MacFarlane, Allied Control Commission.

D.D.M.S., No. 2 District.  
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D.D.M.S., Eighth Army.  
A.D.M.S., Brit. Inc., 5th Army.

*Handwritten signature*

Brigadier,  
D.D.M.S.

Text of FHMGs 54926 read over  
to Lord Shaugate's P.A. 1030 hrs  
23 Feb.

1515 hrs. Col Cripps telephoned from  
Salem. Brig. Parkinson would very  
much like to go to Freedom himself but  
the U-P. feel that Col. Williams should  
go instead. The latter has been handling  
this business from the beginning, has the  
whole facts & story at his finger tips. & is  
fully qualified to deputize for Brig. Parkinson.

Col. Williams is working in Naples;  
will we contact him: discuss air transport  
arrangements: notify E.T.A. & Freedom.

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Shall to Cripps  
who will handle  
this

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To: AFHQ FOR MGS

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PBS 9009

With reference Fargo 814 and Freedom 52979.

Personnel and transport situation typhus control at this date satisfactory. Maintenance of existing personnel and transport absolutely essential for continuance of required services for next 30 days. Can accept no repeat no reduction of present strength, 36 officers, of those 9 are liable to recall at 24 hours notice by their local commanders. No longer press for ten officers requested in 814 dated 7 February. Prepared to review situation on 20 March or after.

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" " " (Rear HQ)

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Minutes of Meeting held on 14 Feb. 44.

The following were present :-

Brigadier Calloway.  
 Brigadier Parkinson.  
 Colonel Williams.  
 Colonel Bishop.  
 Colonel Arnest.  
 Colonel McGint.  
 Lt. Col. Challe.  
 (In the Chair).  
 A.C.C., Public Health Sub Commission.  
 A.C.C.  
 U.S. Typhus Commission.  
 Surgeon, Peninsular Base Section.  
 A.D.M.S. 57 Area.  
 A.D.H., 55th. Adv. Adv. Det.

1. A message was received from Colonel Critchton regretting his inability to attend owing to unforeseen circumstances. Illness also prevented Colonel Clayton from attending.
2. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

## 5. Control of Olvilians.

Control of Civilians leaving Naples has not been properly established. Dusting Stations have been set up by the Typhus Commission in the countries to which the cases have occurred. Civilians are arriving in Sicily from Italy in a verminous condition. The control of these would be instituted by A.C.C. Insecticide Powder is available. Refugee Camps are established. Teams are being sent out to these camps regularly by the Typhus Commission. Colonel Bishop said that refugee control was the least efficient aspect of the Typhus Control problem.

4. The present position of the Indian.

In Naples, Tyburn is under control, and entails the results of preventive measures are beginning to show themselves. The Quarantine Units are being reduced to increase the number available for work outside. The Board does not recommend any cessation of anti-typhus measures - BARRER should again, out of bounds for troops other than those on essential duty and other measures such as the closing of cinema should continue, the position to be reviewed in a month.

5. The Handing Over of Control to the A.C.C.

It had already been agreed unofficially that A.C.C. would take over Control as from 25.59 hours on 19 Feb. 44. Brigadier Parkinson stated that Colonel Williams would be in charge of the work. It was agreed that an official instruction should be given that Colonel Williams of the A.C.C. will take over duties as Lt. or Typhus Control from that date. It was stated that the 32 vehicles loaned by would remain for duty and that an order to this effect had been issued by Mtnous.

## 2. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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6. Personnel.

5 B.M.C. Officers have arrived for temporary duty. 3 Italian Medical Officers and 34 Medical C.N.s. were now at the Transit Camp awaiting allocation of duties in connection with Typhus Control. Brigadier Parkinson will take over the Italian personnel and will arrange their move direct with Colonel McCuat.

7. An application by D.D.M.S. 2 District for the Pathologist at 14 Indian General Hospital to work in Naples for a week investigating a new method of Typhus diagnosis was agreed to.

16 Feb. 44.

*M.D. Williams*  
Brigadier,  
D.D.M.S.

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D/C.A.C. AFHQ, Adv. Adv. Ech.  
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Colonel Bishop, U.S. Typhus Commission.  
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R.P.H.G., A.M.S., Region III.  
Surgeon, Peninsular Base Section.  
A.D.M.S. 57 Area.

Copy to :- D.M.S. Office of the Surgeon, A.F.H.Q.  
General Mason MacFarlane, Allied Control Commission.  
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FARGO (GEN MACFARLANE C COMM)

7th. February. 1944.

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F ZION (ACTION) FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL

With reference Fargo 667 and Freedom 47149.

Agreement reached with Typhus Commission for ACC assume responsibility administration typhus control 20 February 1944 contingent upon provision adequate personnel and transport. Now possible arrange through participating agencies to retain ten (10) of the twenty (20) total medical officers requested previous cable provided your office approves Brigadier General Fox agreement for six (6) Italian speaking medical officers now enroute from U.S. for typhus commission assignment here remain for ACC typhus control assignment as long as needed. This leaves ten (10) medical officers to be procured elsewhere since unable find additional medical personnel here to replace medical personnel withdrawn with typhus commission. These ten replacements needed immediately to understudy personnel being withdrawn 20 February. Believe satisfactory local arrangement can be made for all necessary non-medical administrative personnel. Application being made here for Italian Military Medical Officers to complete typhus control organisation all ACC

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territory.

Transportation request included the 20 weapons carriers and other vehicles mentioned your cable and now assigned typhus commission hence total my request can be reduced by that number of vehicles if HATOUISA order to PBS as quoted your cable rescinded. RA/OR assigned must be retained or replacements provided. Request immediate action regarding these.

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DP/P/29.

URGENT AND PERSONAL.

31st. January, 1944.

Reference your 42/DCAO of 26th. January.

I confirm that I am taking care of this. I have requested urgently by telegram that the 34 Medical Officers should be made available and that they should be flown out at once as a matter of emergency.

I will let you know at once what reactions I get to my request.

Major-General Sir Brian H. Robertson, Bt.,  
Allied Force Headquarters,  
Advanced Administrative Echelon,  
C. M. F..

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10050 MACFARLANE

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FLAMBO (INFO)

IN VIEW OF THE IMPENDING WITHDRAWAL OF UNITED STATES  
 TYPHUS COMMISSION AND THE FACT THAT THE EPIDEMIC IN NAPLES CONTINUES SERIOUS AND IS  
 SPREADING OUTSIDE NAPLES IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE FOLLOWING PERMANENT STAFF SHOULD  
 BE PROVIDED VERY URGENTLY IN ADDITION TO STAFF AVAILABLE LOCALLY PD TWENTY MEDICAL  
 OFFICERS CMA FIVE SANITATION OFFICERS CMA TEN ENTOMOLOGICAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS  
 PD FENBASE PARKH FARGO <sup>FROM</sup> ~~MACFARLANE~~ PERSONAL PARKH TO ADVISE FOR HQS FOR ACTION  
 RPTD FLAMBO FOR INFO PD CITE FARGO SIX SIX SEVEN PD EIGHT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICERS  
 SHOULD IF POSSIBLE BE BILINGUAL PD REQUIRE ALSO THREE FIVE COMMAND CARS OR SIMILAR  
 VEHICLES CMA ONE ZERO JEeps AND SIX AMBULANCES FIT FOR ROUGH WORK PD MAXIMUM USE  
 ALREADY BEING MADE OF ITALIAN MEDICAL PERSONNEL PD PERSONNEL NOW ASKED FOR ARE  
 ESSENTIAL AND MUST BE PROVIDED BEFORE THE DATE WHEN AGO TAKES OVER FROM TYPHUS  
 COMMISSION PD <sup>PERSONNEL</sup> ~~IF~~ NOT AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE HOPE THAT WASHINGTON AND LONDON WOULD  
 PROVIDE AND HAVE THEM FLOWN OUT PD UNDERSTAND THAT PBS HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS  
 FROM MATCOVA THAT ALL TRANSPORT LOANED BY THEM TO TYPHUS COMMISSION MUST BE RETURNED  
 ON ONE ZERO FEB PD IF THIS OCCURS AND I CANNOT FIND TRANSPORT ELSEWHERE WORK OF  
 TYPHUS COMMISSION WILL BE CRIPPLED

J. F. NICHOLS  
 Lt. Col., 4324  
 Adjutant General.

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Major-General Sir Brian H. Robertson Bt.,  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer,  
A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon,  
C.M.F.

42/DCAO.

26 Jan. '44.

My Dear General,

As you know, there is an intention to withdraw the U.S. Typhus Commission from NAPLES.

At a meeting of the Typhus Control Board held on 24 January, the question of the assumption of control by A.M.G. was discussed, and it was made clear that A.M.G. are not in a position to take it over at present.

The matter was further investigated by a Sub-Committee consisting of :-

Brigadier Parkinson.  
Colonel Cheyne.  
Colonel Bishop, and  
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This Sub-Committee came to the conclusion that 34 Medical Officers would be necessary for the purpose. I have no doubt that Colonel Creighton can show you a copy of his report on the subject.

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*M. J. F. 23*  
*MacFarlane*

Lieutenant-General F.N. Mason MacFarlane,  
C.B., D.S.O., M.C.,  
Deputy President,  
Allied Control Commission.

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*MacFarlane*

*Mason*

*P. Bishop*

*Thompson*

*Cheyne*

*MacFarlane*

*Stewart*

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*SM*

In view of the impending withdrawal of the United States of America Typhus Commission, the continuing epidemic in Naples City and the spread of Typhus outside Naples, following permanent staff essentially and urgently required to control epidemic in addition to staff available locally - 20 Medical Officers, five Sanitation Officers and 10 non-technical Administrative Officers. Eight of the Medical Officers must be bi-lingual. In addition minimum of 45 first class vehicles consisting of jeeps, command cars and weapon carriers and six ambulances fit for rough work also urgently required. Total staff at present employed on Epidemic consists of 65 Officers and Doctors and 500 Civilians with inadequate transportation which PBS advises will be withdrawn 10th February.

*See Bishop  
hand 24*

*Trans to  
Dreadon  
Stanley  
Ames*

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