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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMMISSION
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Subject: Summarization, Typhus Control Service.
To: 1. Chief Commissioner, Through Executive Commissioner.
2. Director, Public Health Sub Commission.

Take-over of typhus control by ACC became effective this date in accordance with agreement reached by Chief Commissioner, ACC, and Director, U.S. Typhus Commission early in February. A brief summarization of the service as of this date follows:

1. Administrative Headquarters Will be maintained in Rooms 14 and 15, Questura Building, telephone Value Exchange 14 and 15, until on or about March 1, when transfer will be made to Post Office Building where rooms 5 and 6, and 7 will be utilized by Typhus Control Service and other Public Health Sub Commission, ACC, services. Administrative personnel consists of:

- a. Medical Director
- b. Executive Assistant
- c. Supply Officer
- d. Civilian Personnel and Transportation Officer
- e. Statistics and Reports Officer
- f. Stenographer - vacant
- g. Clerk-typist - vacant on or about March 5

Positions a to e, inclusive, are filled by Officer Personnel.

2. Operations Headquarters will be maintained at # 35, Piazza Tribunale (Laboratorio Chimico Provinciale). All Service Chiefs, field staff, office and field personnel (civilians) and officers (d and e above) will work out of Operations Headquarters. In addition, the powder and equipment distribution center will be located at this place. Personnel of service units consists of:

a. Civilian Personnel and Transportation

Officer	1
Civilian	13
	<u>14</u>

b. Case Finding Service

Officer	8
Civilian	6
	<u>14</u>

c. Contact Delousing Service

Officer	6
Civilian M.D.	3
Civilian	50
	<u>59</u>

d. Mass Immunization Service

Officer	2
Civilian M.D.	10
Civilian	23
	<u>35</u>

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e. Mass Delousing Service

Officer (Rockefeller)	4
Civilian M.D.	10
Civilian	460
	<u>474</u>

f. Flying Squadrons

Officer	5
Civilian M.D.	4
Civilian	2
	<u>11</u>

g. Refugee Service

Officer	7	
Civilian	1	8
# Italian (POW)		
Officer	5	
EM/ORS	31	36
		<u>44</u>

h. EM/ORS (Various Services) 53

5 teams - 4 to be assigned to Refugee Sub-Commission for refugee camps, 1 to Reggio Calabria for port delousing.

3. PERSONNEL SUMMARY

a. Type:

Officer	38
Civilian M.D.	27
Italian Military POW	36
Civilian	557
EM/ORS	53
	<u>711</u>

b. Source:

ACC	6	
U.S. Typhus Commission (Temp)	4	* (one withdrawn Feby.21)
" " " (Perm)	6	
WAC/PBS	1	(Withdrawn Feby.21)
Rockefeller Foundation	4	
RAMC		
MC/USA (temp)	10	** (two withdrawn Feby.21)
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* Subject to 20 day recall no replacement
 ** " to recall - replacement promised
 *** " to 24 hour recall-no replacement promised
 # Drivers, clerks, etc.

4. TRANSPORTATION

a. Type:

Jeeps	5
W/C	28
Civilian-	
Cars	2
	<u>35</u>

b. Source:

PBS	Jeeps	4
	W/C	28
AMC-Region	3- Jeep	1
	Civilian	2
		<u>35</u>

5. GENERAL INFORMATION.

Typhus vaccine is available for civilians at designated clinic places. The three (3) or one (1) dose methods of protection are used dependent upon individual circumstances.

Total vaccine clinics established	72
" vaccinations reported	50,838
" dustings to date	1,281,870
" dusting centers established	38

The number of cases occurring daily outside the city of Naples now exceeds those found inside there by requiring more travel than formerly.

All cases are not being reported either by physicians seeing cases or by heads of households in which cases occur.

The supply of delousing powder now available is adequate for a period of at least ninety (90) days at present rate of use.

Special attention in the future, will be given to a program providing for the "walling in" of all cases as soon as possible by:

- Immediate removal of case to Hospital.
- Delousing of family and case contacts.
- Vaccinations (one dose method) of family contacts.
- "Block" delousing of area where case occurs.
- Mass delousing of general population.
- Preventive delousing of refugee, displaced persons and other lousy groups.

Respectfully submitted

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Director, Typhus Control Service

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

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The Board will consist of the following :-

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Major-General. Leon.A. Fox (or his rep. Colonel R.A. Bishop)	Head of U.S. Typhus Commission	Technical advice to Military on Anti-Typhus measures and control. The initial organization and direction of anti- Typhus measures for the civilian population, with the exception of hospi- talization. These responsibilities will eventually be taken over by A.M.C. In carrying out his responsibilities for the control of Anti-Typhus

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Colonel D.C. Gurnea (or his rep Colonel Public Health Orichter).	Director of A.M.U.	Co-operation with Typhus Commission and ultimate control as specified above. Responsibility for organisation and administration of Civil and ancillary services.

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Colonel Arnold. Surgeon, Public Health Section. Executive control and direction of Anti-Typhus measures - U.S. troops.

Colonel McGhee. ADMS 57 Area (representing direction of Anti-Typhus measures - British troops).

Lt.-col. R.D. Chalk. ADMS, AFHQ Adv. Secretary. Admin. Sec.

3. The Board will advise the D/C.A.O., A.F.H.Q. Adv. Sec. on all matters of policy affecting Typhus Control and will report to him as often as is considered necessary.

4. It will direct the activities of the Local Committees in Naples. (This consists of Medical representatives of the Allied Forces, the U.S. Typhus Commission and A.H.Q., together with certain Public Health Officers and Physicians, as indicated in the Appendix).

5. The first meeting will be held at a date to be decided by the Chairman. Subsequent meetings will be held at such intervals as may be considered necessary from time to time.

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6. Local Committees will be formed to discuss the various problems connected with Typhus Control in the Naples Area. It will consist of the following Military and Civil Medical representatives :-

Brig.-Gen. For and/or representatives of the Typhus Commission.
Region Public Health Officer, A.H.Q. Region III.
A.L.S., A.F.H.Q. Adv. Sec. Section.
Representative of Surgeon, AFHQ Adv. Sec.
" " Surgeon, Pandemic Unit Section.

Lt.-Col. R.D. ADH, AFHQ Adv. Secretary.
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A.D.M., A.F.H.Q. Adv. Ech. Echelon.

Representatives of Surgeon, Fifth Army.
" " Surgeon, Peninsular Base Section.
" " D.D.M.S., 10 Corps.
" " A.D.M.S., 1 Canadian Echelon.
" " A.D.M.S., 57 area.
" " A.D.M.S., 94 Sub Area.
" " British Typhus Research Team.

S.K.O., Royal Navy, NAPLES.
S.M.O., 3 area AMG, S.A.F., NAPLES.
Chief Naval and Military Medical Officers of the Italian Navy and Army.

Professors Marinelli, Bergami, Salsomaggi, Minuti and Orzi.
Brig. Patterson and/or representative Allied Control Commission, and any other Medical Officers whom it may be desired to attend from time to time.

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Report on Typhus Situation at Naples - Dec 1943.

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The Director of Public Health AMJ 15 Army Group proceeded to Naples on 17 Dec.

Conferences.

1. On arrival an opportunity was afforded to attend the weekly meeting on Preventative diseases held by Col. Crichton the recently appointed Regional Director of Public Health Region III. The proceedings of this meeting together with proceedings of the previous meeting will be found in appendices 1 and 2 of this report.

Hospitalisation.

2. It will be seen that emergency hospital arrangements are in hand. It was impressed on the Italian authorities that circumstances demanded the acceptance of conditions which naturally would be unacceptable in normal times. Speed is the essential.

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Rockefeller Foundation Personnel.

4. The assistance of the Rockefeller Foundation experts is much appreciated and long discussions and conferences were held at which Mr. Soper, Dr. Davies and Dr. Hicks were present Brigadier Jones was present for a part of one of these conferences.

The system of dusting.

5. The system of dusting is roughly as follows:- 400lbs of D.D.T. concentrate have been obtained, 100,000 canes of M.F.L. are being liberated. Talc as a diluent is available locally in adequate amounts. Pumps or guns are available but an improved type is desirable. A multiple type should be produced to enable large numbers to be dusted 500 pumps were expected by air. Transport for dusts is available in adequate amounts. There will be 40 dusters employed immediately men and women have been trained, 1500 people had been dusted in 2 days but this number will be greatly increased. I hope the figure will be up to 10,000 - 15,000 per day soon with the establishment of dusting centres.

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Railway Travel.

7. Trains are being run ex Naples at infrequent intervals arrangements for the dusting of all travellers were in hand.

Refugees.

8. The number of refugees coming down through Naples is small, a party of approx 200 was awaiting onward disposal at the time of my visit. Dusting was demonstrated.

Types of Powder.

9. It was noted that 400 lbs of D.D.T. are available. Dr. Super has been requested to estimate quantities required for his dusting programs which comprises two main items (a) Contacts, (b) Mass disinfections. It will be observed however that 100,000 cans of M.Y.L. are being released for use at Naples. While the situation is such that any or all form of reliable dusting powders are received with gratitude it is felt that with a situation as at Naples where we have Typhus as a real entity, supplies of D.D.T. might be issued as a priority issue for civil use and the Army might have its needs met with M.Y.L. with which at least a second dusting is essential. While this can be controlled in the Army, control will be difficult if not impossible in the civil population. This will be further represented by General Fox on his return to A.F.H.Q.

Inoculation.

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Refugees in General.

15. Already some 20,000 refugees have been evacuated through 8 Army back to Italian Controlled Territory. This on the whole has proceeded relatively smoothly. A sanitary screen is in course of preparation but is at present incomplete. Any hold up in the Army areas would if it were allowed to occur be a serious matter but a hold up further back pending the organized disposal and distribution/...

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and distribution of the refugees seems highly possible and very probable. For that reason it is felt that some arrangement for this eventuality should be made now. A medical and sanitary screening could then be done much more thoroughly than is possible forward. A plea in the very strongest terms possible is made for such a camp and a disused P.O.W. or Internee Camp such as that at GRAVINA would be highly desirable. It is felt that all measures must be tightened up now so that the occurrence of Typhus can be limited with no opportunity to spread with disastrous results, such a camp would serve the whole Army Group Area.

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APPENDIX to 203/504/16
Dated 23 Dec 43.

Minutes of a Special Meeting on Typhus held on December 17th, 1943,
 in the Offices of the Public Health Division, Region 3, Prefettura
 Building, Naples.

1. Those present were Colonel Orlinton (in the Chair), Colonel G. Chayne, Colonel Griffin, Lt. Colonel Shields, Major Gill (A.P.H.O. Naples City), Major Schuele, Major Frizella, Captain Turner (Sanitation Officer, Naples City), Dr. Soper (Rockefeller Foundation - Typhus Control), Professor Marinelli (Director Ospedale Riuniti), Professor Orni (Ufficielle Sanitario Comunale, Naples), Professor Bergami (Commissario d'Igiene Publica, Naples), Professor Benzadon (Ufficielle Sanitario Provinciale), Professor Mini (Bacteriologist), Captain Snegireff (Assistant to A.P.H.O. Region III and A.P.H.O. Avellino).

2. The following attended on the following day (18th) as they were unable to be present at the main meeting. Major MacPhail (R.M.C., 10th Corps Representative, Lt. Col. Gilmore U.S.M.C., 5th Army Representative, Major Cherry U.S.M.C., P.H., A.C.C., Lt. Col. Sawyer U.S. San. Corps Representative, Metropolitan Area, Naples, Major McCollum U.S. Med. Corps Representative, Metropolitan Area, Major Stein U.S.M.C., representative P.H., Major McNeil (V.D. Control P.H.).

3. Disinfection Stations -

I. Pace Hospital - Steam disinfection not operating owing to much more serious damage to the water system than was anticipated. Repairs estimated to take several days.

II. Albergo dei Poveri - Steam Disinfection Centre now established and in operation. All inmates and staff of the Institution have been disinfected. By Tuesday the station will be available for public disinfection on a large scale.

III. Powder Disinfection - A beginning has been made by powdering 700 travellers leaving by the new bi-weekly Train Service to Bari; 666 patients and staff at the Incumbili Hospital; 250 patients and staff at the Pace Hospital.

Dr. Soper reported that it had not hitherto been possible for Case Contacts to be dealt with at their homes owing to lack of transport and trained personnel. Major Gill stated that 19 light cars with drivers could be placed immediately at the disposal of Dr. Soper and that he would guarantee that four would report to him the next day. Professor Bergami stated that he had procured one autobus which he intended to use for mass disinfection at the Poveri and could procure another. He was requested to procure this for the use of Dr. Soper.

Dr. Soper stated that in his experience the mere powdering of case contacts was not sufficient and that the entire population of large districts of the town would have to be dealt with. For this purpose it was his plan to establish several disinfection (powder) stations in different parts of the town.

Colonel Chayne, while agreeing that the general project of disinfection of the population would doubtless have to be undertaken, insisted that the

Captain Sragireff (Assistant to R.P.H.O. Region III and A.F.H.O. Arellano).

2. The following attended on the following day (18th) as they were unable to be present at the main meeting. Major MacWhillan RMC, 10th Corps Representative, Lt. Col. Gillmore USMC, 5th Army Representative, Major Cherry USMC, P.H., A.C.O., Lt. Col. Sweeney U.S. San. Corps Representative, Metropolitan Area, Naples, Major McCollum U.S. Med. Corps Representative, Metropolitan Area, Major Stein USMC, representative P.H., Major McNeil (V.D. Control FHS).

3. Disinfection Stations -

I. Pace Hospital - Steam disinfection not operating owing to much more serious damage to the water system than was anticipated. Repairs estimated to take several days.

II. Albergo del Poveri - Steam Disinfection Centre now established and in operation. All inmates and staff of the Institution have been disinfected. By Tuesday the station will be available for public disinfection on a large scale.

III. Powder Disinfection - A beginning has been made by powdering 700 travellers leaving by the new bi-weekly train service to Bari; 666 patients and staff at the Incumbilli Hospital; 250 patients and staff at the Pace Hospital.

Dr. Soper reported that it had not yet been possible for Case Contacts to be dealt with at their homes owing to lack of transport and trained personnel. Major Gill stated that 19 light cars with drivers could be placed immediately at the disposal of Dr. Soper and that... would guarantee that four would report to him the next day. Professor Bergami stated that he had procured one autobus which he intended to use for mass disinfection at the Foveri and could procure another. He was requested to procure this for the use of Dr. Soper.

Dr. Soper stated that in his experience the mere powdering of case contacts was not sufficient and that the entire population of large districts of the town would have to be dealt with. For this purpose it was his plan to establish several disinfection (powder) stations in different parts of the town.

Colonel Cheyne, while agreeing that the general project of disinfection of the population would doubtless have to be undertaken, insisted that the immediate problem to be dealt with was the house or Case Contact and that these would have to be dealt with at once.

IV. Availability of Powder - Beside the M.V.L. tins obtained from U.S. QM stores locally, a supply of 200 lbs. D.D.T. Concentrate had been received by air from North Africa and the release of a further supply of 200 lbs. had been authorized from a consignment made to F.B.S. Suitable pumps had also been asked for from Africa.

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Col. Cheyne requested Dr. Soper to estimate his supply needs for the entire programme envisaged by him.

Dr. Soper detailed the difficulties experienced in powdering the passengers at the Railway Station so as to ensure that all those travelling were dealt with. It was considered that these difficulties could be overcome. Dr. Soper also pointed out the further effectiveness of D.D.T. powder as compared with N.Y.L. powder now in use and recommended that, for this reason, priority for the release of powder for civilian purposes should be given over that for the Army where the population to be dealt with was subject to discipline and was accessible for frequent inspections and powderings if necessary.

Colonel Cheyne promised to represent this point to the appropriate authorities.

4. Ricoveri - It had been ascertained by a visit to the San Gaetano Ricovero that although hundreds of people sleep there at night, the Ricovero is empty in the daytime. It was decided therefore that a night powdering squad should be organized to work in the Ricoveri when the people were present. Meanwhile the desirability of evicting habitual occupants from Ricoveri was stressed and application was again to be made to the appropriate authorities.

5. Cotugno Hospital - Now that this Hospital had been released by the Army and B.A.F. authorities, Professor Bergami was requested to see that it was put into order for the reception of patients, in part or in whole, within a week. It was pointed out that it was futile to wait for perfection in detail and that an emergency Hospital to deal with the epidemic threatening the town had to be established without delay.

6. Meeting of Physicians on July 24 - An unexpected difficulty in calling this meeting had been experienced by the disbanding of Medical Societies. Professor Bergami was requested to circulate all physicians through the Press, inviting them all to a purely scientific meeting.

7. Macalenti Hospital - Refers to this Hospital, to serve as an Air Raid Casualty Station, were still held up because of the tangle regarding the financial authority which is resolvable. Professor Bergami was requested to obtain the orders of the Prefect on the subject and to refer to him for any funds which may have to be advanced to the purpose.

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6. Meeting of Physicians on Typhus - An unexpected difficulty in calling this meeting had been experienced by the disbanding of Medical Societies. Professor Bergami was requested to circulate all physicians through the Press, inviting them all to a purely scientific meeting.

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(Signed) W. Chrichton.
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APPENDIX 2 to HNS/504/16
dated 23 Dec 43.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE

Minutes of Meeting on Preventable Diseases, held Dec. 10, 1943,
in the Office of Public Health & Welfare Division, Region 3,
Prefecture Building.

1. The meeting was called to order at 1506 hours by Colonel Crichton, R.E.H.C., Region 3.
2. Those present were: Lt. Colonel Page and Shields; Majors Gill, Norman, Snyder and Stein; Lt. Commander Yonens; Captains Snegireff and Turner; Dr. Soper; Professors Bergami, Marinelli, Ninni and Orsi.
3. Colonel Crichton reviews the situation with Typhus cases reported to date; the plans under way and the accomplished facts since the previous meeting of December 3rd.

4. DISINFESTATION BY STEAM AND CLEANSING.

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- b. Albero Poweri, where at present in the rear of the Institution is one room with 24 showers will be in condition for use on and after Monday, Dec. 13.43, and additional shower space can be made available at a later date. Capt. Turner plans to install at this Institution one of the 2 portable, Italian Military type, disinfectors.
Colonel Crichton arranged for a visit with Professor Bergami to Albergo Poweri, scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Dec. 11th instant.
- c. Benniti Hospital, accommodation with 2 bath tubs and 2 showers, is to be examined by the hospital engineer who will report the results to Professor Marinelli.
- d. Port site, Via Catmure, Private Baths Institution for the Public, though not equipped with showers has a number of bath tubs. The building was damaged in the bombing, and before further consideration as a Disinfestation Center, will be examined by Professor Bergami and/or his representative. This and other tentative disinfestation centers could supplement their facilities with portable, Italian Military type, disinfectors of which five (5) are located at the Italian Military Hospital (New Trinita) and one (1) at the Italian Military Hospital (New Trinita) and one (1) at the Italian Military Hospital (New Trinita).

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e. Old Cotugno Hospital, according to Major Gail, the R.A.P. unit is making preparations to vacate this Institution by Dec. 13, instant. Professors Bergami and Orsi agreed to send a squad of Civil Police and workers to commence the cleaning and the policing of the Institution. Colonel Crichton arranged with Professor Bergami to pay a field visit to this Institution on Dec. 11th.

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2. DISINFESTATION BY POWDER, MTL and IDE type.
Colonel Crichton and Doctor Soper discussed the powder disinfestation program for typhus patients and contacts. It was stated that Army authorities have released the requested MTL powder; the possibility of IDE powder becoming available at a later date was discussed.

Arrangements were made with Professors Bergami and Orzi to provide 12 men and several women from the Italian public health staff of Naples City for instruction at the Old Cotugno Hospital Disinfestation Station, on Dec. 11th instant at 10 A.M. The working week of the Disinfestation Squad will be arranged for.

Ospedale Incubator, was discussed as a Secondary Powdering Center.

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Professor Bergami stated that the Transport Company of Naples has already placed an autobus at the disposal of City Health Department, for the transport of Disinfestation personnel and equipment.

D. Professor Bergami suggested a general meeting of Physicians of the city for the discussion of general topics and of Typhus and its Control. Colonel Crichton named Professor Franz Director of Cotugno Hospital as visiting lecturer on the topic of Typhus and Professor Bergami on the topic of the Preventive Aspects of Typhus control. The meeting is to be held at the University at a later date and Professor Bergami is to make the necessary arrangements and report progress to Colonel Crichton.

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Professor Marinelli commented that about 500,000 lire will be required to condition the Macallesi Hospital. It was mentioned that there still was a legal tangle as to the directorship of the Macallesi Hospital, the contestants are the Morvillo and Bouriti Hospital groups. Ref. to the Prefetto was agreed upon to settle the Macallesi Hospital. The importance of adequate bed space for infected prostitutes at the Pace was deemed essential, in the light of the serious Venereal Disease Problem in Naples.

SKETCH OF ORGANISATION, of the Italian Provincial and City Health Services was discussed; Professor Bergami will produce the present chart of organization for reference purposes.

The meeting adjourned at 1650 hours.

SUBJECT: - Venereal Disease.

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

A.M.G. Fifth Army	(10)
A.M.G. Eighth Army	(10)
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AMG/511/1

5th December 1943

1. At a recent conference on Venereal Diseases in the Armies held at Naples and attended by the D.D.M., A.F.H.Q. - the advisor on V.D., A.F.H.Q., A.D.H. Adv. Com. Region A.F.H.Q., and the Director of Public Health A.M.G. 15 Army Group, the possibility of further cooperation between the Armies and A.M.G. was discussed.

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3. While it will be essentially the concern of the Army to take every action possible in the way of discipline, education, inspection of men, establishment of P.M.C. and Prophylactic Centres, control of the treatment in forward areas, propaganda of various sorts, there are certain important features in an anti-venereal campaign which are essentially matters for the civil authorities and so A.M.G.

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8. The question of control of cases of V.D. in the civil population requires investigation by the Public Health Division of A.M.C., with special regard to the early re-establishment of V.D. clinics as necessary. I should like a report on this in a month's time. So far as is known there is no scarcity of suitable drugs for the treatment of these diseases.
9. It will be appreciated if these points can receive your consideration and cooperation to effect the desired improvement.

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DES No. 2 District (1)

D. GARDON CHAMBERLAIN,

Colonel,

Director of Public Health.

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AMG/511/11

15th December 43

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
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AMG/511/11

5 December 1943

MCS - 720

SUBJECT:- Venereal Diseases

ID: T.O. A.M.C. 15 Army Group
 A.C.C. Palermo, C.M.F.

The attached report reference H.66/11/1 of 6 December on the incidence of Venereal Diseases is forwarded. Will you please make a report to this Section in duplicate so to that it has been taken to prevent the spread of this disease.

The photo copy will be taken in accordance with para 4 of the attached report.

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8 December 1943

MS - 720

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease

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

The attached report references H.66/2A/1 of 6 December on the incidence of Venereal Diseases is forwarded. Will you please make a report to this Section in duplicate as to what steps have been taken to prevent the spread of this disease.

The same steps will be taken in accordance with para. 4 of the attached report.

(signed) J.C. POLLOCK,
 Brigadier General, R.A.C.
 Chief, Military Government Section.

Copy to Surgeon.

ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
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Ref: H.66/2A/1.

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease

TO: M.G. A.M.G. 7, H.C. AMT 1 - APPROV.

The increase in the V.D. rate is now alarming; there has been a steady rise since the occupation of Sicily and Italy.

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2. This is due to:-

- (a) The presence and availability of large numbers of infected women in brothels and on the streets.
- (b) The abundance of wine.
- (c) Inadequate welfare facilities.
- (d) Discomfort of life in quarters.

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AMERICAN TROOPS.

<u>Formation.</u>	<u>V.D. Rate/1000/annum.</u>
A.F.S.	104.13
M.F.S.	42.06
E.F.S.	45.08
Hq Comd AF	61.09
Fifth Army	69.65
Seventh Army	96.79
12th Air Force	55.57
P.F.S.	145.79
I.B.S.	297.05
C.R. MIS	212.40
TOTAL	80.31

NOTE:- These rates are based on incomplete returns.

BRITISH TROOPS.

<u>Formation.</u>	<u>V.D. Rate/1000/annum.</u>
Eighth Army	24.0
10 Corps	108.9
2 District Total	104.2
Barletta Area	185.9
Total ITALY	51.2
2 District North Africa	72.7
	28.2
TOTAL FORCE	43.7

NOTE:- These figures are not in any sense comparable owing to the presence of many factors which are not common to both armies.

PART II - RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. The attention of Commanding Generals of Formations is drawn to the present serious menace of V.D.
2. The services of Brigadier R. Lees, Consulting Venereologist M.E. who is now available, be requested to work in conjunction with the advisers in

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3. That the present campaign against V.D. be intensified, i.e. talks by Commanding Officers, addresses by M.O.s, Press propaganda and discussions by Chaplains be carried out to capacity.
4. A.M.G. be requested to organise and undertake treatment for all women to whom V.D. is attributable, including police supervision and compulsory segregation.
5. Drinking hours to be restricted.
6. Brothels to be placed off limits.
7. American Red Cross and Welfare Activities to be enlarged and assisted

effectiveness of Amies and Formations. In some instances the V.D. rate is equal to the malarial rate, larger than the infective hepatitis rate and is the chief cause of sickness.

11. in conclusion:-

- (i) The V.D. rate is everywhere steadily rising.
- (ii) V.D. is now a serious menace to the health and effectiveness of troops of all formations.
- (iii) Urgent and immediate action is required.

(Signed) R. H. GUNDEL
Major-General,
Surgeon, D.M.S., A.P.H.Q.

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