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Administrative Section, Hq. AGO. APC 394

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TO : RC & HQ Section Hq. AGO.

1. At present there seems to be no clearly defined policy as to whether or not ^{it} is allowable or desirable to permit Red Cross personnel to become members of A.O.C. messes.

2. May a decision please be made as to Red Cross personnel under category outlined in Para.3 above, and if the decision is in the affirmative, whether the individual mess is entitled to draw increased rations based on the number of such personnel attached to it.

R.R. Cripps

R.R. CRIPPS,
Lt. Colonel,

for the Right Honourable, The Lord Stanagate,
Vice President, Administrative Section.

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Public Health Sub-Commission

ACC/3068/PH

20 February 1944

SUBJECT : Red Cross Representatives.

TO : - Administrative Directorate.
(Attention: Lt. Col. Grippe).

1. Request that a directive be issued to the Regions covering the question of messing facilities for Red Cross workers assigned to the Regions.
2. This request is based on information indicating that at times Regions question the right of Red Cross workers (particularly in the case of women) to eat at A.C. Messes.
3. Suggest that the directive be to the effect that where no adequate separate messing facilities are available for such Red Cross workers, they are to be accommodated at A.C.C. Messes.

For Brigadier G. S. PARKINSON

JOEL G. KARNST
Captain, A.C.
Director, Welfare Sub-Section.

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Copy to - Regional Commissioner, Region II.
(Attention Capt. Carver)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394.
Administrative Section

103/000./12

3 February 1944

SUBJECT: Red Cross Parcels

To: ~~Executive Committee~~
TO: ~~U.S.C.A.C. M.R.~~ A.C.C. A.P. 3. 394.

1. Attached for information are copies written and signed by Chief Coordinator in this matter.

2. Legal Sub-Commission will follow this matter up, and report on to the steps taken by the Italian Government in the matter, in particular, by the Minister of Justice.



R.A. WITTS,
Lt. Colonel,
for the Vice Pres. Adm. Administrative Section.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/080./AS

2 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Theft of Red Cross Parcels.

TO : Commanding Officer, Military Mission to the Italian Army.

1. Reference your letter of 20 January 1944 (L/103).
2. I have referred the file on the Tuteurano matter to Marshal Badoglio for immediate action and have also called his attention to the Lecce matter requesting and immediate report.

Lieutenant General,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

COPY TO:

POLITICAL SECTION.
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION.
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION.
EXEC. COMMISSIONER

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Herewith for information, a copy of the action taken in this matter.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

ACC/080./AS

2 February 1944.

To His Excellency Marshal Pietro Badoglio.

Dear Marshal Badoglio:

I have the honor to present to Your Excellency a file with respect to thefts of Red Cross and other property destined to captured British soldiers who were confined in the prisoner of war camp at Tufurano.

It is reported that four Italian officers, Col. Albanese and Captains Carano, Trevisi, and Cesolini implicated in this affair are now in custody at Bari. It may well be that other Italian officers and also some Italian other ranks are involved.

While those involved in this matter might be tried as war criminals for violation of Art. 37 of the Prisoners of War Convention Geneva 1929 to which Italy was one of the signatories. I would prefer to have them tried by an Italian Military Tribunal provided this may be done promptly.

At this time I would like to call Your Excellency's attention to a similar affair, which occurred at the prisoner of war camp at Lecce, on which a file has already been submitted to your Ministry of War for investigation and as to which the Allied Control Commission has not as yet received any report showing the results of the investigation and the action to be taken. The witnesses who made the investigation can be made available at short notices.

I regard these as very serious matters, and request that the necessary investigation be completed by your authorities at an early date and that I be kept advised from time to time as to what action is being taken. When trials have been had I request that I be furnished with copies of the determinations of the Military Tribunal and the sentences imposed.

Most sincerely,

Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
(SALENTINO DETACHMENT)
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

AMO/4119/L

28th January 1944

Subject: Thefts of Red Cross Parcels

To : Vice President of Administrative Section A.C.C.

1. Attached hereto is a letter from the Commanding Officer of the Military Mission to the Italian army and file.

2. This has to do with thefts of property destined to British prisoners of war confined at Tuteurano before the Allied invasion.

3. Four Italian officers who were implicated in these thefts are reported as being under arrest at Bari awaiting investigation and trial. Certain Italian other ranks also appear to be involved.

4. After the British Army came into the territory the thefts were discovered, with the result that a full investigation was made by British authorities. The file contains the results of the investigation.

5. Briefly the facts are that such food and clothing as well as personal parcels shipped in to be delivered to the British prisoners of war were not delivered to them. Some of it was stored in various places and much of it was used by the four Italian officers now reported to be under arrest. Searches of their houses and storage places under their control revealed quantities of these articles, as well as the empty containers of British articles indicating quite clearly the consumption of the contents on the particular premises.

6. This is a serious matter and the acts of those responsible are in contravention of Art. 37 of the Prisoners of War Convention - Geneva 1929 to which Italy was one of the signatories. Art 37 reads as follows :-

"ART. 37. Prisoners may receive postal parcels containing food stuffs, other articles for consumption and clothing. Parcels shall be delivered to the addressees and a receipt given".

7. While these officers might be dealt with as war criminals (see copy of AFHQ Circular of 27th November 1943 attached) it is suggested that the Italian Authorities be required to make investigation and bring the offenders promptly to trial before an Italian Military Tribunal. 446

8. As noted in the attached letter from the Commanding Officer of the Military Mission a similar situation at the British Prisoner of War Camp at Lecce has already been reported to the Italian Ministry of War for investigation and report to A.C.C. So far as the Legal Sub-Commission knows no report has ever been made to A.C.C. with regard to the Lecce matter.

It is suggested that the Italian Ministry of War be required to make a report to the ACO with regard to the Lecce matter without further delay.

9. As the witnesses may at any time be moved to other places, it appears desirable that action on these matters be expedited by the Italian authorities.
10. On the assumption that the suggestion made above is followed, there are attached suggested drafts of letters to be written to Marshal Badoglio and to the Commanding Officer of the Military Mission, respectively.

Gerald R. Upjohn

GERALD R. UPJOHN,
Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer.

Er. Upjohn Legal Section

*I entirely agree with suggested letter. Referred
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WAR CRIMINALS

1. The ultimate disposition of persons charged with the commission of war crimes is a matter for consideration by the governments of the Allied nations.

2. Trials by military courts of persons suspected of war crimes will not be held unless directed by this headquarters. Such persons will be held in custody pending decision as to their disposal. While suspects are under detention all available information about them and about war crimes of which they are suspect will be collected and forwarded to this Headquarters.

3. The following procedure will govern:

a) Secret reports, through command channels, will be made to this headquarters containing all possible information concerning the specific individual held under detention as a war criminal suspect and concerning the time, place, character and details of the alleged war crime. It is imperative that each report include not only the names and addresses of witnesses but also the gist of the evidence which each may reasonably be expected to give in any proceedings which may later be resorted to to perpetuate such testimony for trial purposes. In order that these investigations may be kept strictly within command channels, they will be made by persons subject to the direct orders of the Commanding Officer making the report.

b) Reports submitted to this headquarters shall pertain only to persons then being held in detention.

c) For the purpose of the directive, war crimes are acts committed by persons in violation of the laws and customs of war. Should any doubt exist as to whether reported acts constitute war crimes, the case will be reported as above directed for consideration by this headquarters.

d) When reports are received at this headquarters and further investigation is considered advisable, either unit commanders will be directed to make the supplementary investigation or the supplementary investigation will be carried on directly from this headquarters

e) When any change in the place of detention of a person upon whom a report has been made is directed by any authority other than this headquarters, an immediate report of such change will be made to this headquarters, in order that any supplementary investigation may be expeditiously carried on.

4. Situations may come to the attention of Commanding Officers in which the alleged war criminal is not in detention or may even be performing duties not incompatible with the Allied cause. In order that orderly procedure with

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4. Situations may come to the attention of Commanding Officers in which the alleged war criminal is not in detention or may even be performing duties not incompatible with the Allied cause. In order that orderly procedure with respect to such situations may be followed, Commanding Officers will report such cases to this Headquarters with all available information.

5. Italians who commit crimes against Italian Nationals are not to be considered as war criminals and such persons will be handed over to Italian Government representatives for trial.

6. Persons who commit crimes against members of the Allied Command during the period of occupation of Italian Territory may be charged and tried before military tribunals in accordance with established practice.

7. It is enjoined upon all persons of this command to refrain from giving any publicity whatever to war crimes or war criminals or to any act taken by the military forces with respect thereto.

The release of any information concerning war crimes or war criminals is specifically reserved to this Headquarters. (AG 000.5-1 WAR-AM)

(SGD) W.D. SMITH, Major, U.S.C. CHIEF OF STAFF.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
(Forward Echelon)
APO 912
ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTORATE.

27 December 1943.

Refer to: APO/OSO. /AD.

SUBJECT: International Red Cross.

TO: H.Q., A.M.G., (Rear Echelon), Administrative Directorate.

1. Reference the attached cable delivered to this headquarters. It is desired that a copy be forwarded without delay to Lt. Col. Charles J. Jettel if not already done.

2. Copies have been sent to Public Health, Public Safety, and Prisoner of War Sub-Commissions for their information.

For the Commanding Officer:

W. H. CHIFFA,
Lt. Colonel,
for the Administrative Director.

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Certified true copy

R. Liacomo Captain Inf. 27 December 1943

(Message from AFHQ to AMB Sicily for Polletti.)

This HQ has authorized the establishment of International Red Cross Branch in Palermo () In addition to conventional functions connected with PW and their messages IRCC Branch will handle Welfare & Whereabouts ^{inquiries} for organization of Branch IRCC appointed Mr. Kunne who is Geneva Secretary specialized in messages & Kunne will be despatched to Palermo on about 20 December.

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Mr. Field. . Region I. It.

Mrs. Florence Smith. Palermo.

Adm (Ops) Personnel (in Palermo)
WAR RELIEF

AMC Hops. - D.E. HASAMAN
(Liaison with Hops.) 19061 EXT 6
BANK OF ITALY BLOC.

Region I Hops. - EDMONDO LIELO
(SUPERVISOR Island Staff) 19040 EXT 38
PREFETTURA BLOC.

Palermo Province - Mrs Florence Smith
(Palermo And Pa. Prov.) 19040 EXT 38
PREFETTURA

AMC HQS. - D.E. HAGAMAN
(Liaison with HQS.) 19061 EXT 6
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REGION I HQS. - EDMUNDO LIGEO
(SUPERVISOR ISLAND STAFF) 19040 EXT 38
PREFETTURA BLOC.

PALERMO PROVINCE - MRS. ROSEMARY SWIN
(PALERMO AND PAL. PROV.) 19040 EXT 38
PREFETTURA

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512
Public Health Sub-Commission

AMS/3068/2H

2 December 1943

SUBJECT: - Coordination of Public Health Sub-Commission
and British-American Red Cross Operations.

TO: - Administrative Directorate

It is requested that communication be made with Mr. W.H.C. Giblin, American Red Cross, Major Knight, British Red Cross on the lines set out below.

* At a conference between Red Cross and Public Health Sub-Commission Personnel the following plan of personnel assignment and operating procedures, based upon the experience gained during recent months has been agreed to by all concerned and is forwarded for your information and guidance.

1. That Red Cross field personnel will submit periodic (weekly) reports through channels - copy of which will be furnished headquarters.
2. Mr. Hagaman will be placed in our headquarters here as long as we are in Palermo to coordinate the work of Red Cross and of this Sub-Commission.
3. Mr. Field will be stationed with Region I Headquarters to coordinate and supervise the work in Sicily. In addition:
Miss Opal Hall is to be stationed in Messina
Mrs. Martha Caperton is to be stationed in Ragusa
Mr. Robert Miltzen is to be stationed in Syracuse
Mrs. Florence Smith is to be stationed in Palermo
One additional person will be assigned to Region I at a place to be decided by the Regional office.
4. In Region II Mr. Pool will coordinate and supervise the work of the Red Cross Staff and will be stationed at headquarters. In addition:
Miss Elizabeth Kulturek will be assigned to the Region
Two additional men are to be sent to the Region.
5. In Region III Mr. Meryl Sullivan will be stationed at Regional Headquarters and will supervise and coordinate the work of the Red Cross Staff there. In addition:
Miss Margerete Marin is to be stationed in the Region
Miss Dorothy Boic is to be stationed in the Region
One additional man is to be stationed in the Region.
6. At our National Headquarters (after we move forward) there will be Mr. William Giblin, Mr. Howard Barr, Mr. Don Hagaman and Miss C. Tiley.
7. Five Red Cross Workers are to be assigned to work directly with the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

PAGE TWO

8. Twenty additional British Red Cross workers are now enroute.
9. Copies of all instructions and information issued to Red Cross Staff will be furnished to this and Regional Headquarters.
10. Red Cross personnel will work under the direction of the designated Public Welfare officer of the Sub-Commission on Public Health and will follow his directions as to program and methods. Under no circumstances will Red Cross personnel initiate programs without clearing them for approval with the Welfare Officer under whose direction he is working and he will keep the latter officer informed as to his activities."

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h.s. P. Par. J. R.
C. S. PARKINSON, Brigadier
Director, Public Health Sub-Commission

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

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AMG/5033/PH

19 November 1943

SUBJECT: Prisoner of War Inquiries.

TO : 1. A.F.H.Q., M.G.S.

1. The Italian Red Cross organization in Sicily has made application to this H.Q. for particulars of Italian P.O.W. and their locations. The request is made in order to enable their information section to meet the large number of inquiries regarding P.O.W. now being presented to them.

2. The Italian Red Cross organization, which has the sanction of this H.Q. to carry out this work, points out that it is not in direct contact with the Red Cross H.Q. at Geneva, consequently it has no means of procuring the information required.

3. As it is considered that it may be a long period before communications with Geneva can be established, and that the work of a P.O.W. information bureau is to be encouraged from a welfare and morale point of view, may a complete list of P.O.W. with locations be obtained from the Provost Marshal, A.F.H.Q., and forwarded to this H.Q. without delay.

4. The Public Safety Division raises no objection to the information being passed to relatives of P.O.W.

For the Commanding General:

(Signature)
R. GUYTON, JR.,
Brigadier, U.S.
Acting Chief of Staff.

Copy to:
Public Health Sub-Commission.

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Copy for Admin Director ←

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Public Health Sub-Commission
APO 512

AMQ/3033/PH

16 November 1943

SUBJECT: - Letter to A.P.H.Q. Regarding
Italian Red Cross.

TO : - Director of Administration

Herewith letter to A.P.H.Q. in regard to the Italian Red Cross
information service of Italian Prisoners of War, for approval and signature.

B. S. Parkinson Per Capt. Earnest
G. S. PARKINSON, Brigadier
Director, Public Health Sub-Commission

1 Inclosure.

1. Letter to AFHQ in regard to Italian Red Cross.

SUBJECT: American, British, and

AMST/1160/12

Cross Organizations.

AMST 11, 1160/12

TO: All A.C.A.O's.

5 Oct. 1945.

1. Following a recent conference at AMST HQ. when the subject of utilizing immediately in Sicily the services of the American and British Red Cross Societies personnel was discussed, an invitation was extended to these Societies to send representatives.

2. The first of these representatives has arrived. This gentleman, Mr. Ruggan, is attached to the Public Health Division as liaison officer. Other representatives are expected at a very early date and will be posted as liaison officers to the larger of the provinces in the office of S.M. H.M. Every province will be covered in this way and all will later be informed which liaison officer will be responsible for each of the provinces.

3. The nature of activities of these Red Cross Societies has been defined as including the following. The general mission will be to confine these activities to those consistent with Red Cross policies and the whole of Red Cross activities, American, British and Italian will be coordinated at AMST HQ. The Red Cross will bring in such supplies as may be possible for the population requiring public use and stockpiles will be established at Palermo for use throughout the island and on the mainland when this is possible as required by AMST. This activity will be coordinated with representatives of Civil Supply to obviate re-duplication.

4. Assistance is further possible in directions such as the following.

- (a) In working with the Italian Red Cross in getting the P.O.W. clearance centre functioning more adequately. (particularly in connection with foreign countries).
- (b) In providing supplies (clothing, food, medical).
- (c) In helping to register, re-locate, re-educate and repatriate refugees.
- (d) In helping operate camps for the temporary care of homeless Sicilians, released political and other prisoners, Allied Nationals, etc.
- (e) In assisting in the handling of pension claims of foreign residents and civilian communications abroad.
- (f) Community organization of welfare services.
- (g) General assistance in other welfare activities.
- (h) To assist in the development of local voluntary effort.

By order of Chief Staff Officer.

D. GORDON GIBSON
Colonel,
Director of Public Health.

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SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS - PUBLIC HEALTH NO. 7Program of the Italian Red Cross in Sicily and
Procedures for dealing with the Organization.1. Purvisions.

Attention is called to the instructions issued by this Headquarters on 10 September 1943 with respect to the reorganization of the Italian Red Cross in Sicily. The Red Cross in Sicily will function as an island-wide organization. Agreement has been reached as to the program which this Organization will undertake in Sicily. The essential activities will be:

- (a) Continued operation of Italian Red Cross Hospitals where their services are deemed necessary.
- (b) Continuation of malaria control and treatment programs in co-operation with Provincial Health Officers. The latter will coordinate their activities in this field within the province.
- (c) Operation of first aid stations where needed. These stations are a part of the air raid precautions organization. If air raids occur, it may be necessary to re-open some of them.
- (d) Continuation of first aid pay ambulance services. This organization operates ambulances in those centers where hospitals are maintained and there are used to transport patients.
- (e) Continuation of the P.O.W. Information Exchange. Inquiries with regard to P.O.W. and other Sicilian civilians may be forwarded to Red Cross Headquarters, Palermo. Service in the case of P.O.W. information is hereby limited until a clear system is established with the authorities in charge of P.O.W. Inquiries regarding other persons is limited by the extent of regular mail coverage of the island.
- (f) Re-establishment of a disaster relief service to provide full care, educational, food, clothing and other necessities for the victims of disasters. This new responsibility will be developed as soon as conditions permit. In some areas Red Cross operates rest centers for bombed persons who have been rendered homeless.
- (g) Cooperation with existing agencies in health education.
- (h) Establishment of visiting nurse service for sick patients in their own homes for those unable to pay for such care. This new responsibility will be developed in cooperation with Provincial Health Officers as circumstances permit and will be coordinated by them.

2. Finances.

As pointed out in the instructions issued on 10 September 1943, the Red Cross in Sicily is being financed by AMOT on an island-wide basis, and no funds should be paid to this Organization by Provincial or other officials.

In order to maintain executive control on expenditures, provincial officials of Red Cross will confer with the provincial representatives of the Public Health and Finance Divisions in preparation of quarterly budgets. Such budgets will be presented to the S.C.A.C.'s with recommendations of the Public Health and Finance Divisions Officers and the S.C.A.C.'s will, in turn, forward them in duplicate to AMOT with their recommendations. Such budgets should reach AMOT Hq., Public Health Division not later than the 10th day of the last month preceding the new quarter for which funds are

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There are certain fund balances in being throughout the island credited to the Italian Red Cross. It is expected by Finance Division that a General Order will be issued in the near future removing all restrictions on withdrawals of deposits from these funds. These funds will, therefore, be available to the Italian Red Cross at that time. Provincial Finance Officers should, as soon as possible, advise Headquarters, Public Health Division, as to the amount of these balances, so that these funds may be taken into account by Headquarters when financial assistance is arranged for the island-wide organization.

3. Administration.

The Italian Red Cross officials at HQ in Palermo will be responsible for the effective operation of the program. It will be the duty of Provincial AMSCF Public Health Division Officers to maintain general supervision of the local activities of

the organization and to coordinate them with AGOY activities in related fields. It is intended, however, that the actual administrative responsibility shall reside in headquarters officers of the Italian Red Cross who will visit their personnel in the field from time to time. If, in the opinion of AGOY provincial personnel, changes are required at the local level, i.e. changes of personnel, improvements in services, changes in regis., disciplinary action, change in hospital status, etc., such recommendations should be forwarded to AGOY HQ., Public Health Division, and if approved, the matter will be dealt with between HQ. and Italian Red Cross Headquarters. S.C.A.O.'s will be advised regarding action taken on their recommendations.

4. Red Cross Hospitals.
S.C.A.O.'s are requested to consider, in consultation with their S.A.F.H.C.'s the question of the closing, wholly or partially of the Red Cross Hospitals in their Province. The following points will guide them in reaching a decision:
1. Extent of damage to civil hospitals and time required to effect repairs.
2. Availability of bed accommodation in civil hospitals.
3. Possibility of future air raids on certain towns with consequent availability of retained extra beds to deal with such an emergency.
S.C.A.O.'s recommendations as to the disposal of Red Cross Hospitals will be forwarded to this HQ. where careful consideration will be given to the hospital position on the island as a whole. Disposal arrangements will then be worked out with the Red Cross HQ. for action, with a copy to the S.C.A.O. for information.

When authority has been given for the partial or complete closing of a hospital, the HQ. office of the Italian Red Cross will issue the necessary instructions for the transfer of equipment records etc., to HQ stores or to other Red Cross Hospitals in need of such equipment or stores. In exceptional circumstances such stores may be transferred to civil hospitals as ordered by AGOY HQ., the necessary financial adjustments being effected between the Province concerned and the HQ. Italian Red Cross. Similarly circumstances may arise when the staff of a Red Cross Hospital and its equipment and stores will be taken over by a local or Provincial hospital or Government. The authority for this must come from AGOY HQ. and here again financial adjustments will be made by the Province concerned, after approval by AGOY HQ. Such a change in responsibility may involve transfer of personnel as necessary to Provincial or other establishments.

To meet the new responsibilities of dealing with the various activities of Red Cross, a distribution of duties within the Public Health Division has been made in the following lines:

- (a) Red Cross Hospitals, personnel, nursing instruction, operation of first-aid stations, ambulance services, visiting nursing services and other medical activities are the concern of the officer in charge of hospital administration of the Public Health Division.
- (b) Infants control and treatment, health education are the concern of the officer in charge of Public Health organization of the Public Health Division.
- (c) All the other activities in the public welfare field enumerated in 1 (a) and (b) are the concern of the officer in charge of Welfare Organization of the Public Health Division.
- (d) Subjects are considered by these three officers jointly with the Executive Officer, Public Health Division. This group will recommend action to the Director of Public Health.

Activities listed in (c) will be the concern of the S.A.F.H.C. of each Province.

Provision. The following points will guide them in reaching a decision:

1. Extent of damage to civil hospitals and time required to effect repairs.
 2. Availability of bed accommodation in civil hospitals.
 3. Possibility of future air raids on certain towns with consequent availability of retaining extra beds to deal with such an emergency.
- S.O.A.S.'s recommendations as to the disposal of Red Cross Hospitals will be forwarded to this HQ. where careful consideration will be given to the hospital position on the island as a whole. Disposal arrangements will then be worked out with the Red Cross HQ. for action, with a copy to the S.O.A.S. for information.

When authority has been given for the partial or complete closure of a hospital, the HQ. office of the Italian Red Cross will issue the necessary instructions for the transfer of equipment records etc., to HQ. stores or to other Red Cross Hospitals in need of such equipment or stores. In exceptional circumstances such stores may be transferred to civil hospitals as ordered by A.M.E.F. HQ., the necessary financial adjustments being effected between the Province concerned and the Italian Red Cross. Similarly circumstances may arise when the whole of a Red Cross Hospital and the equipment and stores will be taken over by a local or Provincial hospital or government. The authority for this must come from A.M.E.F. HQ. and have A.M.E.F. financial adjustments will be made by the parties concerned, after approval by A.M.E.F. HQ. Such a change in responsibility may involve transfer of personnel or moving to provincial or other employment.

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- (a) Red Cross Hospitals, personnel, nursing instruction, operation of first aid stations, ambulance services, visiting nursing services and other medical activities are the concern of the officer in charge of hospital or sanitation of the Public Health Division.
- (b) Medical control and treatment, health education are the concern of the officer in charge of Public Health organization of the Public Health Division.
- (c) All the other activities in the public welfare field enumerated in 1 (a) and (b) are the concern of the officer in charge of Welfare Organization of the Public Health Division.
- (d) Auxiliates are considered by these three officers jointly with the Executive Officer, Public Health Division. This group will recommend action to the Director of Public Health.

Activities listed in (a) will be the concern of the S.A.P.H.O. or some province. Those in (b) will be the concern of the S.A.F.H.O. and the S.A.P.H.O., acting under him. Other activities (c) will be under the S.A.P.H.O. Provincial Red Cross Auxiliates will be considered by these officers jointly before recommendations are made to the S.O.A.S. It is the duty of the S.A.F.H.O. of each province to coordinate all dealings of other members of the Provincial staff with the Provincial Red Cross authorities and their program.

By Direction of Chief Staff Officer.

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SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS - PUBLIC HEALTH NO. 7

Program of the Italian Red Cross in Sicily and
Procedures for dealing with the Organization.

1. Functions.

Attention is called to the instructions issued by this Headquarters on 10 September 1943 with respect to the reorganization of the Italian Red Cross in Sicily. The Red Cross in Sicily will function as an island-wide organization. Agreement has been reached as to the program which this Organization will undertake in Sicily. The essential activities will be:

- (a) Continued operation of Italian Red Cross Hospitals where their services are deemed necessary.
- (b) Continuation of malaria control and treatment program in co-operation with Provincial Health Officers. The latter will coordinate their activities in this field within the province.
- (c) Operation of first aid stations where needed. These stations are a part of the air raid precautions organization. If air raids occur, it may be necessary to re-open some of these.
- (d) Continuation of first aid and pay ambulance services. The organization operates ambulances in those centers where hospitals are maintained and these are used to transport patients.
- (e) Continuation of the P.O.S. Information Exchange. Inquiries with respect to P.O.S. and other Sicilian Civilian may be forwarded to Red Cross HQ, Palermo, for action. Service in the case of P.O.S. information is severely limited until a clear system is established with the authorities in charge of P.O.S. Inquiries regarding other persons is limited by the extent of regular mail coverage of the island.
- (f) Re-establishment of a disaster relief service to provide full care, medical, food, clothing and other necessities for the victims of disasters. This new responsibility will be developed as soon as conditions permit. In some areas Red Cross operates rest centers for bombed persons who have been rendered homeless.
- (g) Cooperation with existing agencies in health education.
- (h) Establishment of visiting nurse service for sick patients in their own homes for those unable to pay for such care. This new responsibility will be developed in cooperation with Provincial Health Officers as circumstances permit and will be coordinated by them.

2. Finance.

As pointed out in the instructions issued on 10 September 1943, the Red Cross in Sicily is being financed by AGOFT on an island-wide basis, and no funds should be paid to this Organization by Provincial or other officials.

In order to maintain executive control on expenditures, provincial officials of Red Cross will confer with the provincial representatives of the Public Health and Finance Divisions in preparation of quarterly budgets. Such budgets will be presented to the S.C.A.C.'s with recommendations of the Public Health and Finance Divisions Officers and the S.C.A.C.'s will, in turn, forward them in duplicate to AGOFT HQ with their recommendations. Such budgets should reach AGOFT HQ, Public Health Division not later than the 10th day of the last month preceding the new quarter for which funds are

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- (f) Operation of first aid stations where needed. These stations are a part of the air raid precautions organization. If air raids occur, it may be necessary to receive some of them.
- (g) Continuation of fire and ray ambulance services. The organization operates ambulances in those centers where hospitals are maintained and they are used to transport patients.
- (h) Continuation of the P.O.S. Information Exchange. Inquiries with reference to P.O.S. and other Sicilian civilians may be forwarded to Red Cross HQ in Palermo, for action. Service in the case of P.O.S. information is actually limited until a clear system is established with the authorities. The number of P.O.S. inquiries regarding other persons is limited by the content of regular mail coverage of the island.
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2. Finance.

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In order to maintain executive control on expenditures, provincial officials of Red Cross will confer with the provincial representatives of the Public Health and Finance Divisions in preparation of quarterly budgets. Such budgets will be presented to the S.C.A.O.'s with recommendations of the Public Health and Finance Divisions Officers and the S.C.A.O.'s will, in turn, forward them in duplicate to AMGOT HQ with their recommendations. Such budgets should reach AMGOT HQ. Public Health Division not later than the 10th day of the last month preceding the new quarter for which funds are required. The first quarter for the operation of this plan will be October, November and December, 1943, although there will be obviously a delay in submitting the budget. AMGOT HQ will then confer with the Red Cross HQ officials in preparation of the final budget.

There are certain fund balances in banks throughout the island credited to the Italian Red Cross. It is expected by Finance Division that a General Order will be issued in the near future removing all restrictions on withdrawals of deposits from banks. These funds will, therefore, be available to the Italian Red Cross at that time. Provincial Finance Officers should, as soon as possible, advise Headquarters, Public Health Division, as to the amount of these balances, so that these funds may be taken into account by Headquarters when financial assistance is arranged for the island-wide organization.

3. Administration.

The Italian Red Cross officials at HQ in Palermo will be responsible for the effective operation of the program. It will be the duty of Provincial AMGOT Public Health Division Officers to maintain general supervision of the local activities of

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