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RED CROSS
OCT. 1944 - FEB. 1946

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2209/EC

INFORMATION FILE

~~SECRET~~

OFFICE OF

CHIEF OF STAFF

RED CROSS

u998-5054

EC. 29 MAR 1945

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E.O. 2951, 1945

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THIS FOLDER	
CONTAINS PAPERS	
FROM	Oct 44
TO	Febr. 46
CATALOGUE -	

CA Section (to Public Health)

105-4797

Could you please take action on ⁹⁸~~104~~ copy to this office. sl 7/3.

Ex. Com²

~~105~~ 98

Ref your mem 9/7 & conversation your files (no 4280) (McIntosh) has been abstracted and forward to DPR S/C who are dealing with the matter.

S.M.P.

N.S.

J. Healy Maj
CA Section

93.

esp letter at 90 to wife in answer to your 88. Suggest we need do nothing further. At 90 + 91 is a photostat copy of letters from Mums we have at photos 64 + 65.

Action on 89 is being altered to CA. See.

Do you think CA See & 21/1

X would like a copy of 88? They seem to be getting left out of the picture all the time & then told to do the work which must make things a bit difficult for them.

94

Miss / X above - yes pl. mea culpa.

c/c.

95.

Please send copy of 88 to CA. See.

✓ 23/1

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Chief Commissioner.

7/11/77

Attached is submitted for your ~~approval~~ signature information

Noted by AC [Signature]

MS [Signature]

~~Ex. Com.~~

80.

Please see 79 in answer to on 69. As desired
seem to be going to play. Suggested we inform
P.H. SIC who will have a pass or fish to T.R.C.

T-1-11/2/11

CSO

81.

Please arrange for Rev. Theodori to see me and in
meantime get P.H. Sub Com to inform I.R.C. Officially

of the fact of 75

178/3/11

Public Health SPC.

82.

Ref 81. It is understood Th. Theodori is telephoning
Ex. Com. himself.

I.H. S/C was with ~~Walt~~ ¹⁻¹¹⁻⁷⁹ ~~pass or~~ ^{BS 1/11} ~~fish to~~ ⁸¹ ~~I.R.C.~~

CSO

Please arrange for Ray Theodori to see me and in

meantime get P.H. SubCom to inform I.R.C. officials

of the fact of 75. ^{BS 1/11}

Public Health S/C. ^{80.}

Rej 81. It is understood Th. Theodori is telephoning
Gen Com. himself.

would you please inform I.R.C. officials by ~~letter~~
mail of Jan 79. ^{BS 4/11}
Re. CS office.

Let us to G's ⁸³ ~~issue~~ ^{BS 4/1/40}

CSO

Please see 85 in answer to me 84 - this is quite
cheap. CA. See are being sent a copy
of the telegram, are being asked to take
action. letter submitted for signature of 87.
^{BS 14/11}

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~~True~~ 10
Pse see by for info
EAS 17/12

Ex. Com. to.
Please see 71- action taken as requested, P/H-S/C will
inform ILC. Does the ex. C. wish any further
action? 4/8 20/12.
You may wish to submit to C.S. for info.
17/12 20/12
410

Chief Commissioner

P. 71 submitted as a result of f 65

W/25/12
S 44
D 10/12/12

V.P. CAS W/25/12 44

As a result of message from IRE & telephone
to D/C.O.S AFHQ (Gen Haumbler) to say that
the IRE had been ordered out of Germany
by B.A.O.R. He promised to look into the 5057

Chief Commissioner

P. 71 submitted as a result of f 69

11/25/45
REC-13
S 45

V.P. CAS HC 2/12 44

As a result of message from I.R.C. ? telephone

to D/e.o.s AFHQ (Gen Humber) to say that

the I.R.C. had been ordered out of Germany

by B.A.O.R. He promised to look into the 5051

matter. Would you inform Mr. Theodore

of this

Ex Com (15)

Mr. Theodore has been informed. He says that he understands that the delegation is arriving back at Geneva today or tomorrow.

H. J. Thon
27.12.45

53

To CAS -
Ref. minutes 49-52. The attached draft is submitted in compliance with minute 50.

Paul S. Sawyer
Major

PH
7-8-45
Ex 583

54

To Ex Com
For approval and signature of C.C.

H.H.S. Haeberly
Col

CAS
7-8-45
Ex Com
E-50

I would ask if they would write a letter of appreciation to B.R.C. on their withdrawal. Letter submitted for C.C.'s signature (reference) P-50718 573

H. H. R.

They do not withdraw ⁵⁶ until Dec 1. Do ARC
go now?
Ex Com

57
There is no definite date for withdrawal of A.R.C. They endeavor to hand over their work in a Region at much the same time as the Region is handed back to the Station Govt. Please note that B.R.C. have already begun
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CAL

CAS
7-8-45
E. S. Cunn
E. S. C.

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asked AS. if they would write a letter of appreciation to B.R.C. on their withdrawal. Letter submitted for C.C.'s signature (passover)

RSK 7/8

S. S. R.

573

They do not withdraw until Dec 1. Do ARC

MS (E) 8

So how?

Ex. C. C. R.

57.

There is no definite date for withdrawal of A.R.C. They endeavour to hand over their work in a Region at much the same time as the Region is handed back to the Station Govt. Please note that B.R.C. have already begun to withdraw personnel.

25/9/48

MS 2/8

Major Kestley

2/8

NOTED - we will send the B.R.C. letter later -

heard Dec 1.

MS 9/8

25/11/48

MS 10/8

59.

OK I have not heard of any total withdrawal of B.R.C. yet? Is this letter not premature? Have you any particular information regarding its background etc?


MS 20/11

48.

Chief Commissioner.

1. As you will see from 46, Director of Public Health has taken up the matter of further representation of American Red Cross in the North with a representative of ARC in Mr. Jefferson's absence, and also with Mr. Myron Taylor.
2. All are agreed that the North is well cared for as ~~regards~~ ^{regards} personnel, although there is some difficulty as regards transport.

2 June 1945.


 Chief Staff Officer,
 To the Executive Commissioner.
Seen by CC [Signature] 5 June

Civil Affairs Section
 To ~~Director General~~ Sub-Commissioner 49

Reference is made to the file in this file, I suggest that it might be a suitable occasion for the Commission to send a letter of appreciation to the British Red Cross for their work in Italy. Would you draft a letter for the C.C.'s approval, please.

Christine Langford

Office of the Executive Commissioner
 31 June 45

Public Health

So you know their work last on D.P.R. I know none of the detail. Please draft a pass on. with similar request. 5043
 to D.P.R.
A. Benhampton

Reference files in this file, I suggest that it might be a suitable occasion for the Commission to send a letter of appreciation to the British Red Cross for their work in study. Would you draft a letter for the C.C.'s approval, please.

Ruthven/Hamilton

Office of the Executive Commissioner

3, Queen's

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Public Health

Do you know their work last or D.P.R. I know some of the detail. Please draft a pass on, with similar request, 5043 to D.P.R. *R. Hamhamham* CAS L61
1 Guy

51

To D.P.R. S/C

Please see Draft at 51 in compliance with minute 50. Have you comments on the Draft?

Paul S. Savage
secretary

P.H.

3-8-45

EX-583

To P.H.

52

Suggest new para 1 and 2 as attached.

4-8-45 (new paras 1 & 2 ~~noted, agreed, & attached~~ *noted, agreed, & attached* *substituted* *Stollipill* *2/61*)
6-8-45 P.S. Savage
for P.H. S/C

43.

Chief Commissioner.

In reply to your memorandum 38 opposite, the American Red Cross have at present 42 workers in the North and have every area covered except in VENIZIA. Public Health Sub-Commission have signalled to find out if any help is required there. Please see Minute 41 from Brigadier PAKINSON.

EE

29 May 1945.

Chief Staff Officer,
To the Executive Commissioner.

44

F.C.

Also ask DPH to discuss with Mr. [unclear] of ARC & see if more help is needed & if ARC can supply. Suggest DPH also discuss with Mr. [unclear] Taylor

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Am

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CAS for Director of Public Health etc

Please see CC's minute 44 above and take necessary action and inform the office of the result.

needed out of ATRC can supply. Suggest
DPH also discuss with Mr. Myron Taylor

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SM

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CAS for Director of Public Health Spc

Please see CC's minutes 44 above
and take necessary action and
inform the. Also of the result. 5948

Submit letter
CSP to Exch.

1/6.

46.

UP. CA

Re folio 38 in the office minutes 44 & 45. There taken up
the matter referred to with a representation of Mr. ARC, his testimony
being away. Also with Mr. Myron Taylor will be agreed that
the matter is well covered as far as presentment is concerned
but there is some difficulty as regards transport which
must act as a handicap to this work

F. D. Parkinson
3-7

P.H.
2.6.45

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Ex. Comm
2 June

Please see 47 & 46.

D. S. B. ... Col. CAS.

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CA Sec

Your views on 31 would be appreciated.

Sharden

Office of EC

4 May 45

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VP / feel they must work with D.P.A.

4 May

(initials)

Rx. Commission

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Police 31 - VP takes the view that these ladies must be part of the Mission and attached to D.P.A. S/L
5 May

Sharden

Sharden

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Csu to V.P. CAS

Ref 38. I shall appreciate it if you can - through PH? - help me to answer ~~the~~ C.C.

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Folio 31 - part of the Mission and attached to Disk 31
5 May

W. B. Hancock
CAS

W. B. Hancock

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Cfo to V.P. CAS

Ref 38. I shall appreciate it if you can - through PH? - help me to answer ~~the~~ C.C.

27/5

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Public Health

Will you kindly give information and your recommendation on folio 38

27 May

VPCA

Ref folio 38 re: the mine 40.

The American Red Cross have at present 42 workers in the North Togo area covered by the exception on the Volta side. The RPHO has been requested to find out if he wants any more help in this area as workers is standing by type of equipment.

P.H.

28/5/56

G. P. Richardson
Brig

41

EC.

As you will see from 41 the DPH is of opinion that the North Togo area covered by the exception of Volta is considered to be adequately covered by 42 workers and the RPHO has been asked whether any further assistance is required.

28 May 1956

G. P. Richardson

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C50

Pl see (or rather glance at) 9 and on like
onwards. Your minute at 8 above will
still apply. to be missing.

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Main Reply.

Will be please take up this
matter of rations for JRC in par.
3 of CC's letter at 21 & let her
know as soon as possible

Gallatin
20/1/45

C50: Phoned Brig. Parkinson (Public Health) and the position on feeding rations
to Italian Red Cross personnel is: He has written Army AMG's and
quoted AAI R.O. # 252 which authorizes issuing of rations to such
who will pay for them at the nominal amount of about 30 l./day.
This they will gladly do though they are volunteer workers. An
early reply (acknowledgement) from Army AMG's should settle the
matter and they can draw rations as do our Red Cross personnel.

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Ref: 2209/93/ED

8 February 1946

SUBJECT: Italian Red Cross Personnel

TO : Public Health S/C.

1. Approval is given for all properly accredited Italian Red Cross personnel, who are officially attached to Public Health Branch, A.M.G. Venezia Giulia and A.M.G. Udine Provinces, to be granted officer status.
2. Rations and billeting to be determined by 13 Corps.
3. It is understood that the total number is never likely to exceed six.

N. W. HIND-SMITH

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Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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CR

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CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA
COMITATO CENTRALE

IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

G-159/255

2209
JAN 21 1946

Roma, il 19 January 1946
Via Tolosana, 12

To Lt. Col. F.H. McCleary
Acting Executive Commissioner
Allied Commission

Dear Col. McCleary,

I beg to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter 2209/86/EC of the 15th inst. forwarding a copy of the communication AC has received from B.A.O.R. via AFHQ, stating the reasons for which the IRC Team in the British Zone of Occupation, Germany, could not be used.

I also note that AFHQ has authorized AC to contact B.A.O.R. direct for the purpose of working out the details concerning a new IRC party to be sent to Germany on limited search work. You may be assured that IRC headquarters is only too anxious to cooperate on whatever D.P. research work is undertaken on an international basis in Germany, provided detailed instructions are clearly conveyed to us by the authorities finally responsible for the acceptance or refusal of our teams.

In this connection and referring more particularly to the first paragraph of B.A.O.R. letter, copy of which you were good enough to send me, I beg to enclose the photo-copy of UNRRA Zone Director's letter dated 5th October (not 15th) 1945. From the text you shall see how we

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British Zone of Occupation, Germany, could not be used.

I also note that AFHQ has authorized AC to contact B.A.O.R. direct for the purpose of working out the details concerning a new IFC party to be sent to Germany on limited search work. You may be assured that IRC headquarters is only too anxious to cooperate on whatever I.P. research work is undertaken on an international basis in Germany, provided detailed instructions are clearly conveyed to us by the authorities finally responsible for the acceptance or refusal of our teams.

In this connection and referring more particularly to the first paragraph of B.A.O.R. letter, copy of which you were good enough to send me, I beg to enclose the photo-copy of UNRRA Zone Director's letter dated 5th October (not 15th) 1945. From the text you shall see how we came to the conclusion that no further instructions were to be waited for before sending teams up to Germany, inasmuch as the provision contained in paragraph 7 thereof, had already been complied with and the names, etc. of personnel had been submitted - as previously instructed - by signal, on September 20th; the information required was, however, repeated by signal on October 23rd, i.e. as soon as the UNRRA letter of October 5th had been received.

(Plus)
(minus)
Copy to: CA Sec

See M.93

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Obviously for all these reasons, the letter in question was taken to constitute calling forward authority, not only by this IRC headquarters but also by UMRRA, Italy, and by AFHQ which issued the necessary permits.

Thanking you, however, for the interest you are personally showing in this matter,

Yours sincerely,

Ugo Theodoli
Ugo Theodoli

Sec. Gen. IRC.

UNRRA Adm. HQ.

CA/Mil. Gov.

~~21 Acamp Group Main~~

~~B.A.C.R.~~
B.A.C.R.

5th October, 1945. 91

Initiated by:-
Miss Anne Wood,
LO. with Vol. Societies.

To:- Signore Ugo Theodoli,
General Secretary Italian Red Cross,
Croce Rossa Italiana,
Comitato Centrale,
Rome, Italy.

From:- Sir Raphael Cilento,
Zone Director,
UNRRA. HQ.,
H.Q., B.A.O.R.

I shall be glad to welcome the Italian Red Cross into the British Zone to work, under the operational control of UNRRA, for the relief and welfare of the Italian Displaced Persons.

I understand that your primary interest at this time is in the general welfare of the Italian sick in hospitals, and in their movement back to Italy. In addition, I understand that such information as you are able to obtain on Italian nationals in Germany will be sent by you to your Liaison Officers working with the Search Bureau.

I accept your offer of a delegation of approximately 15 persons, this delegation to consist of a Senior Red Cross delegate and three teams of 4-5 persons each, including 1 doctor, 1 welfare worker, 1 secretary, 1 driver and possibly 1 priest, or if it seemed sufficient to you to have one doctor for the Zone he could move from district to district. Each team will be attached to one of the three UNRRA District Headquarters and be deployed from there by the UNRRA District Director.

You are to provide your own transport and the equipment for your personnel.

UNRRA. will make provision for mess and billeting privileges and POL for your transport.

On arrival in the British Zone your teams will report to UNRRA Headquarters at Spengo, from whence they will be deployed to the various District Headquarters. Your teams will work under the direction of the UNRRA. District Director and in co-operation with UNRRA teams, in particular with the Welfare staff.

In/

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See M.93

UNRRA Adm. HQ.

CA/Mil. Gov.

~~21 Army Group Main.~~

~~H.H.~~
B.A.O.E.

5/10/45.

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2.

In accordance with para. 5 of your letter of August last, addressed to Mr. E. E. Rhatagain, it is desired that the names and further particulars of the Italian Red Cross Supervisors and the members of the three teams mentioned in the agreement, be now formally supplied.

A weekly report will be sent to the UNRRA. Zone Director by each team through the UNRRA. District Director of the district in which the team concerned is operating.

Rue W. Adams
(Sir Raphael Cilento)
UNRRA. Director,
British Occupied Zone.

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ROUTINE

HQ AMG 13 CORPS
HQ ALCOM FOR EXEC COM

JAN 21 1946

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Request SIG AUTHY it Red Cross personnel to hold officer status and receive 1 billeting 2 rations BTFS 3 NAAFI also if free or on repayment.

AC DIST

~~EX COM 2~~
CA see PH S/C.

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
.. Ex comm.
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A.S.
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HEADQUARTERS
20 JAN 1946
A. C.

see 195041

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From: Lt. Colonel F. H. McCleary, Acting Executive Commissioner.

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Ref: 2209/33/EC.

15 January 1946.

Dear

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I am sorry for the delay in sending you a copy of the communication we received from the B.A.O.R. via A.F.H.Q., but unfortunately the file seems to have been in constant use and I have only just been able to get at it. However, the following is the promised copy.

"UNRRA Zone Director's letter, 15 Oct. 45, addressed to General Secretary, Italian Red Cross did not constitute calling forward authority (para 7 refers); notwithstanding, Red Cross personnel were despatched. Return of the Red Cross teams to Frankfurt was done by UNRRA.

Since most of the Italian Displaced Persons in BAOR zone have now been repatriated, it is impossible to employ currently the subject personnel as originally planned. Should the point be pressed and if you concur, it is possible to engage some of this personnel on limited search work."

As you will know, we wrote to A.F.H.Q. (this on the 7th January) asking for exact details of the number, age, qualifications and equipment required for an Italian Red Cross party working in the B.A.O.R. zone. A.F.H.Q. have now replied that they have no objection to a party of Italian Red Cross personnel working on search work in the British zone of Germany and they have authorized us to contact B.A.O.R. direct for the purpose of working out the details.

Our Civil Affairs Section will now be getting into touch with B.A.O.R. to find out exactly what is required when we will let you know with, I hope, the minimum of delay.

Handwritten initials

Yours

Handwritten signature

Marchese Ugo Theodoli,
General Secretary Italian Red Cross
Croce Rossa Italiana
Comitato Centrale
ROME.

see 92 M93 to 95
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Copy to: C.A. Sec.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 2209/87/83

15 January 1946

SUBJECT: Italian Red Cross Mission to Germany

TO : Civil Affairs Section (2).

1. Attached please find (a) copy of letter No. G-51383.7-1 of 23 December 1945 from G-5 AFHQ in answer to our telegram 9307 of 14 December (copy to you); (b) copy of letter 2209/84/83 of 7 January 1946 to G-5; (c) copy of signal no. O 12717 of 11 January from G-5 AFHQ to HQ Allied Commission.

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2. It is regretted that copies of (a) and (b) were not forwarded to you before.

3. It would be appreciated if action could be taken on para 2 of (c).

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

See 88

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: G 12111
Date/Time of Origin: JAN 11 11501
Message Centre No: G/1206
Date Time Rec'd: JAN 12 0900
Precedence: ROUTINE
FROM: ARHQ G-2
TO : ALCOM HOME
INFO : UNKRA ITALY

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This Headquarters has no objection to a party of Italian Red Cross personnel working on search work in British zone of Germany. (reur letter 2209/84/EC of 7 January).
Para 2. You are authorised to contact HACH Direct for the purpose of working out the details.
Para 3. Please include this Headquarters copies of signals on this subject.

AC DIST.

ACTION : EXECUTIVE COMM 2
INFO F CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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HEADQUARTERS

17 JAN 1946

A. C.

Mc included to 286.38
to desk. J

UNCLASSIFIED

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Para 3. Please include this Headquarters copies of signals on this subject.

AC DIST.

ACTION : EXECUTIVE COMEN 2

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17 JAN 1946
A. C.

APC included to add 38
to dict. 8/4/46

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Ref: 2209/84/EC.

7 January 1946.

SUBJECT: Italian Red Cross Mission to Germany.
TO : G-5, AFHQ.

(79)

I conveyed the gist of your G-5: 383.7-1 of 28 December 45 to the Italian Red Cross. They were very distressed and asked that B.A.O.R. be again approached with a request that an Italian Red Cross party be permitted to work in the British Zone in GERMANY on search work. They asked that exact details be given of the number, age, qualifications and equipment required. Can this please be done?

For the Chief Commissioner:

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Italian Red Cross.
c.c.

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[Handwritten notes and signatures]

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 383.7-1

28 December 1945

DEC 31 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Red Cross Mission to Germany

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394

1. In answer to your signal No. 9307, 14 December 1945, and to our C 47070, 15 December 1945, and C 49284, 22 December 1945, the following (paraphrased) message was received from UNCOMB:

(77) "1. UNRRA Zone Director's letter, 15 Oct (5 Oct ?) 45, addressed to General Secretary, Italian Red Cross did not constitute calling forward authority (para 7 refers); notwithstanding, Red Cross personnel were dispatched. Return of the Red Cross teams to FRANKFURT was done by UNRRA.

"2. Since most of the Italian DP's in BAGR zone have now been repatriated, it is impossible to employ currently the subject personnel as originally planned. Should the point be pressed and if you concur, it is possible to engage some of this personnel on limited search work.

"3. Personnel are alleged by UNRRA to be generally of inferior quality, and in consequence are not considered well-suited for employment as originally planned. Some were too old to stand the harsh German winter; some were only available from 6 to 8 weeks; and all were poorly equipped. UNRRA Control Headquarters were notified of these factors."

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

29 DEC 1945
541010 0411

James H. Workman 5038
Col - GSC
A. L. HAMBIEN
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

*See memo to 81 82. 82
T.F. 84*

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Cofypts. c.c.

(1 spare copy)

(MISS S)

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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L. F. C. ...

Originator's Reference: **C49284**
Date/Time of Origin: **221511A**

Message Centre No: **G/6132**
Date Time Rec'd: **DEC 230930**
Precedence: **ROUTINE**

FROM: **AFHQ**
TO : **BACR**
INFO ALCOM ROME

DEC 27 1945

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Ref our C47070 of 15 Dec 45. Urgently request that Italian Red Cross teams be cleared for entry info BAOR zone to avoid unfortunate repercussions here. Grateful for early advice of action taken

AC DIST

HEADQUARTERS
23 DEC 1945
A. C. ...

INFO ACTION: EX COMMISSIONER 2

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

C A SECTION

PUB. HEALTH S/C

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INFO - ACTION

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Exec. Comm.

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ROUTINE

AMHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PHGDB
ALCOE ROME

DEC 27 1945

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RESTRICTED.

Colonel PIERRE VERRANZA, Chief Italian Liaison Officer USFET has requested following message be transmitted to Mister UGO MENDOLI, General Secretary of Italian Red Cross, ROME: "according to the order of UNRRA Central HQ, Italian Red Cross teams for British zone will repatriate leaving FRANKFURT Saturday "

AS DIST

ACTION PUBLIC HEALTH SC 2 (C.A. Section)
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EXEC COMMISSIONER
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24 DEC 1945
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G 47070
DEC 151559 A

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D EO 160900
PRIORITY

AFHQ FROM G-5
BAOR, INFO ALONG ROBE

DEC 19 1945

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1. Understand UNRRA zone Director HQ BAOR accepted offer of Italian Red Cross delegation in British zone for relief of Itali DP S and PW and issued instruction for them to report to spence in letter dated 5 October. (BAOR FOR MIL GOVE)
2. Trevel orders were issued by this HQ.
3. Italian Red Cross now learn that you have ordered telegram back to FRANKFUT as final clearance not issued by you.
4. Should UNRRA not have cleared delegation with you prior to issuing instructions and in view of unfortunate reaction here if Italian Red Cross teams be refused, grateful you consider accepting them earliest according terms in letter of 5 October.

ACTION — EX.COM

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message centres are informing
 all concerned of change of Action
 P.H. 3/c requested to inform I.R.C.
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14 Dec 45

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(s) M.S. Luch.
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner.

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CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA

COMITATO CENTRALE

MEMORANDUM

Italian Red Cross Missions into Germany

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CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA

COMITATO CENTRALE

done by telegram on 23rd of October.

The letter the relevant extracts of which are given above, was interpreted not only by the Italian Red Cross, but by UNRRA, Rome and by UNRRA, A.F.H.Q., as the final order to proceed to Germany.

As a result, A.F.H.Q. issued the necessary travelling orders and the teams left Rome on 11th of November.

Their departure was notified to UNRRA, B.A.O.R., Spenge, who raised no comment.

A further telegram was sent by UNRRA, Rome, to make sure the party would be able to receive P.O.L. This again, drew no comment.

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Most unexpectedly, on 12th of December, the same Officer in Charge telephoned from Spenge to Rome I.R.C. Headquarters, informing that the Political

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CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA

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Office, B.A.O.R. Headquarters had instructed him to go back to Frankfurt for which place he will be leaving with the teams on the 13th.

The reasons given, as far as could be gathered over the telephone, were:

- 1) that there was no work for them to do that cannot be done by Italian Liaison Officers;
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Rome, 13:December 1945.

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TO FOR ACTION AND THIRTEEN CORPS FOR SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER

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23 November 1945

ROUTINE

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SUBJECT IS ITALIAN RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVE IN TRIESTE

PARMI TO FOR ACTION AND THIRTEEN CORPS FOR SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER

FROM ALCOM CITE ACZEM PAREN

PARA ONE PD PRESIDENT ITALIAN RED CROSS HAS ASKED PERMISSION FOR MRS
BATTIATI GMA ITALIAN RED CROSS WORKER NOW IN TRIESTE AND REQUEST TO YOU AND
GEORGE DEON CHIEF OF POLICE TO GO TO TRIESTE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF ITALIAN RED CROSS
FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF SUPERVISING DISTRIBUTION OF ITALIAN RED CROSS
RELIEF SUPPLIES IN ZONE ABLA PD SHE WOULD WORK UNDER AUSPICE OF YOUR PUBLIC
HEALTH DIVISION AND GIVE ASSURANCE THAT SHE WOULD NOT INTERFERE IN ANY WAY
IN THE ORGANIZATION OF ITALIAN RED CROSS IN ZONE ABLA PD LENGTH OF STAY
INDEFINITE PD REQUESTED ASSISTANCE

Copy to : - Executive Commissioner, AC ✓
" " Italian Red Cross, Attn. Secretary General

Civil Affairs Section
489081 Ext. 500
S.H. White, Lt. Colonel

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Tel : 755

Ref: 2209/20.

8 August 45

SUBJECT: Death of Red Cross Worker,
Gertrude Tompkin (ARG-46322).

TO : Economic Section (for Finance Sub-Comm.)

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The attached letter REL/RO/P/7/1 dated 5 August is forwarded to you for necessary action on para 7.

✓ R. W. KEMSLEY
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

Copy to : Mr. S. J. Crawley ✓/Dr Civilian War Relief
American Red Cross.

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

Reference: RIX/HQ/F/7/1

5 August 1945

Subject : Death of Red Cross Worker, Gertrude Tempkin (ARC-45322)

To : Executive Commissioner, Headquarters, Allied Commission

1. Notification is hereby given of the death of Gertrude Tempkin (ARC-45322), assigned Red Cross worker to Modena and Reggio-Emilia Provinces, Emilia Region, on 3 August 1945, in an accident near Montefiorino in Modena Province.
2. Miss Tempkin's death was in line of duty. She was returning from a trip to one of the mountain communes at about 1300 hours in a Command car driven by a civilian and accompanied by her interpreter, when the car went around a blind curve and a recent washout was directly ahead on the road. In attempting to avoid both the washout and a truck approaching from the opposite direction, the driver got too near the edge of the road and was forced to head into a ravine. The car struck a tree and caromed off, but at this point Miss Tempkin was thrown out and sustained a fatal skull fracture.
3. Investigation was made on the morning of 4 Aug by Capt Thomas Wintersteen (Public Health and Welfare Officer) and Mrs. Cordelle Ballard (Regional Red Cross Supervisor). Mrs. Ballard is forwarding to HQ, ARC Rome, a full report, supported by statement by Capt Wintersteen, together with personal effects and inventory thereof.
4. Interment took place at 1750 hours on 4 Aug 1945 in the U.S. Military cemetery at Mirandola, Modena Province (4th QMCR Section).
5. William S. Granger, Assistant Director ARC (CWR) Italy, came from Padua to attend the graveside services, to investigate the accident, and assist Mrs. Ballard in completing ARC reports.
6. The female interpreter, Maria Teochi of Baggiovaro, Modena, sustained slight injuries in the accident. The civilian driver, Gibellini Renio, of Via Paganini 407, Modena, sustained serious injuries and is a patient at the civil hospital in Modena, Patologia Chirurgica.
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FLOED E. THOMAS
Colonel, Infantry
Regional Commissioner

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The president of the council of Ministers

E. C.

Rome, 31 July 1945

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Dear Admiral,

referring to your letter I P W- 1-3/916 of the 28th, of the Italian Prisoners of War sub-commission to the Presidency General of the Italian Red Cross, I want to inform you that the Italian Government approves the sending of Marchese Ugo Theodoli, Secretary General of the Italian Red Cross to Frankfurt to make the detailed agreements about the institution of a representation of the Italian Red Cross in this country for relief to ex-prisoners of war and ex- deported persons.

I shall be most grateful if the Allied Authorities give Marchese Theodoli all possible help for the fulfillment of his mission.

Truly yours,

s. Ferruccio Parri

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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ACTION: WND: EDW 5025
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3 August 1945

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My dear Mr. Crawley:

May I convey to you and through you to your co-workers of the American Red Cross my personal and official gratitude for your wonderful co-operation since October 1943 when Civilian War Relief was initiated in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

While our armies were winning the war, we of the Allied Commission and A&S with your splendid help were trying to heal as rapidly as possible the wounds of war. Your courageous workers, both men and women, true to the tradition of the American Red Cross and disregarding personal safety, worked in the wake of the armies and brought food, clothing and medicines to suffering people in communities while they were still under enemy shell-fire.

To those of the Red Cross who survived this gallant service and those who gave their lives while carrying on these humane tasks we give our highest praise and express our deep and heartfelt gratitude. They have added new lustre to the already brilliant service of the Red Cross.

We know the solemn pride that must be yours to have served with this courageous group.

We of AC and A&S feel that the appearance of Red Cross men and women among us and co-operating with us gave the civilian population added confidence in our sincere desire to get their war-torn country back to a peacetime basis as soon as possible.

We all hope soon to return to our native land and to our peaceful pursuits. We are confident that in the years to come when the trial and tribulations which nature imposes upon us from time to time such as floods and disasters, that these same experienced people with their hearts full of pity for the afflicted and less fortunate, will again march forward into service.

We know that for some of you there is more and hazardous service ahead, but we wish for you all a safe return to your homeland and happy and lasting reunion with your loved ones.

Yours very sincerely,

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

Mr. S. John Crawley,
Director Civilian War Relief,
American Red Cross,
Piazza Barberini,
Rome.

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Ref : 2209/50/10.

31 July 1945

SUBJECT : Withdrawal of British Red Cross
personnel from this theatre.

TO : H.Q., South Europe Commission
British Red Cross, C.M.F.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 28 July 1945
notifying the date of withdrawal of the British Red Cross from this
theatre.

R. W. KEMSLEY

✓ Brigadier, MAJ. R.A.
Executive Commissioner.

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WAR ORGANISATION^A 2209
OF THE
BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY and ORDER of St. JOHN of JERUSALEM 49



President:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

Grand Prior:
H.R.H. THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, K.G.



Commissioner
LT. GEN. SIR D. KENNETH McLEOD, K.C.I.E., C.B., D.S.O.

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30 1945
Please reply to:
H.Q., SOUTH EUROPE COMMISSION
BRITISH RED CROSS, C.M.F.

To: Deputy Commissioner, Allied Commission
for Austria.
Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission
for Italy.
Commander Land Forces in Greece.
Head of Mission UNRRA in Greece.

1. The Chief Administrative Officer, A.F.H.Q., has intimated that 1st December 1945 will be a suitable date for closing down British Red Cross work in connection with Civil Relief in Italy, Austria and Greece. British Red Cross workers will be gradually withdrawn from now onwards in accordance with this decision, the last batch will leave their appointments about 1st December.

Details of withdrawal will be settled direct between the Commissions concerned and Brigadier E. L. Armitage, O.B.E., Deputy Commissioner for Civilian War Relief, British Red Cross, o/o Allied Commission H.Q., C.M.F. This intimation is made now in order to give ample notice of the proposed withdrawal.

2. The date for the withdrawal of the Foreign Relations Section Record and Enquiry Bureaux in Italy, Austria and Greece has not yet been fixed. The Chief Administrative Officer is unable to forecast a date on the information at present available.

(Mr. Kumsler)

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3. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

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Commissioner
South Europe Commission

20th July, 1945.

Copy to: Col. D. Logan Grey, C.B.E., M.C., DP & PW Austria.
Col. C. B. Findlay, C.B.E., M.C., DP & RSC, Italy.
Deputy Commissioner Civilian War Relief.
UNRRA Italy.
Assistant Commissioner Civilian War Relief, Italy.
Assistant Commissioner Civilian War Relief, Austria.
Assistant Commissioner Civilian War Relief, Greece.
Lt. Col. Tomlin c/o Executive Commissioner, Allied
Commission, Italy.
Sir John Kennedy, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.,
British Red Cross & St. John War Organisation
Miss S. J. Warner, O.B.E., Foreign Relations, British
Red Cross.

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ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

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25 May 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Commissioner.

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I should be glad to have you investigate and report on the possibility and desirability of having the American Red Cross go into the North on a larger scale than they are now engaged. Actually, I am not certain whether they have any teams working in the North now or not. Would you be good enough to investigate this?

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ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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(Lt. Col. TALBOT)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

22 May 1945.

TO : Army Commanders and All AG/AMG Officers.

MAY 24 1945

This will introduce to you Dr. Umberto Zanotti-Bianco, officially recognized as President of the Italian Red Cross, who is accompanied by Dr. Francis Bellinzaghi, Delegate of the President to northern Italy. These gentlemen are traveling throughout northern Italy to effect the consolidation of the Italian Red Cross, and I shall be grateful if you will extend them every possible assistance.

ELBERT W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNA
Chief Commissioner

cc: Exc.

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Tel. Ext. 510

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
EXECUTIVE OFFICER (B)

REFERENCE : G-12/33/A.

15 May 1945

SUBJECT : Voluntary Society Personnel.

TO : Distribution below.

MAY 16 1945

1. Para 4 (a) of W.O. letter 124/Gen/64.(C.I.S) of 27 Dec 44 authorizes certain workers of Voluntary Societies to be granted officer status in order to enable them to perform their functions within relief units.
2. Authority has now been delegated to this H.Q. to grant such status to personnel of voluntary societies in conjunction with the voluntary Societies concerned.
3. A signed authority will, therefore be issued to each individual so selected and this will be valid for the period during which the individual is working with the Allied Commission (Italy) only and may be revoked at any time in conjunction with the voluntary Society concerned.

Applications for such authorities :

1. Giving full name.
2. Location.
3. Name of Voluntary Society.
4. Brief details of duties.

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(a) Certain workers of Voluntary Societies will have the relative status of officers of the Forces in order to enable them to perform their functions within Relief Units and in conjunction with the Civil Affairs but this will not debar them from any facilities accorded generally in these conditions of service to members of Relief Units. For all financial purposes and for the issue of equipment, clothing and necessities they will be regarded by the War Office as of Other Rank status. This Officer status may be granted before embarkation by agreement between the Relief Department of the Foreign Office and the War Office or by agreement between the appropriate Military Authority in the field and the individual."

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STUBBS

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BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE

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J.L. JONES,
Colonel,
Executive Officer (R) **5013**

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Tel: 735

7 May 1945.

Ref: 2209/35/EO.

SUBJECT: French Red Cross Workers.

TO : Major General X. de Sevin,
French Representative.

1. In reply to your letter of 5 May 1945, reference XE/SM No.2.106, I agree with you that the three Red Cross workers to whom you refer could probably be very useful in the North.

2. I think, however, that their activities could best be coordinated by Regional Commissioners in the same way as your Officer Missions are, I should therefore like to attach them to Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission. If you would let me know to which Region you would like them to be attached, I will make arrangements accordingly.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. LUSH
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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
APO 394

Rome, 3 May, 1945.
XS/SM n° 2.106

To : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER.
Subject : French Red Cross Workers.

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- 1./ Three English speaking French Red Cross Women are actually in Italy for the purpose of working in connection with French Displaced Persons, Refugees and Prisoners of War.
- 2./ Because of the emergency which has arisen in connection with refugees situation, the French Representative feels that these Red Cross Workers might be useful in the North and help out pending the definite installation of French camps.
- 3./ It does not seem necessary, though, to attach these ladies to Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. Travel orders and letters of introduction to proper authorities would only be needed.
- 4./ These workers rank as Officers, are well connected with American and British Red Cross and have lived in the United States.
- 5./ The French Representative would appreciate the views of the Executive Commissioner on this matter./.



X. de Sevin, Major General,
French Representative.

(Mrs. Horden)

see 501734
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Extract of Minutes of Executive Commissioner's Meeting held on 23 March 1945.

International Red Cross Vehicles.

CA Sec had been told by the International Red Cross that their present function was to visit the camps of all prisoners of war now being taken by the Allies. Maintenance and servicing of vehicles, and the supply of petrol and lubricants, was therefore an Allied responsibility. Dep Ex C directed Est Sec to take the matter up with AMIO.

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International Red Cross Vehicles. The International Red Cross owned two vehicles which bore AC markings, and therefore received AC maintenance, servicing, and petrol. Dep Ex C said he thought that this should not be an AC responsibility. He considered that the care and feeding of this organization, and the maintenance of its vehicles, was the responsibility of the Italian Government. This was agreed. CA Sec were directed to deal with the matter.

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CG 960

2 March 1945

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Admiral Stone has asked me to write and thank you for your letter of February 16. He apologizes for the delay in answering it, but this has been due to his indisposition.

The question of the purchase of ambulances to which you refer is being handled by Brigadier General McKinley, and he will get directly in touch with you.

Yours very truly,

/s/ J. A. Quayle

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CG

Honorable Myron C. Taylor
The Personal Representative of the
President of the United States
To His Holiness the Pope
2 Via Boncompagni
Rome

Copies to:

- Brig. General McKinley (ACTION)
- Brigadier Parkinson (INFO)
- Executive Commissioner (INFO)
- CC Files

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Rome, February 16, 1945.

Dear Admiral Stone:

I am glad to have had a talk with General Browning this morning regarding the possibility of purchasing sheeting in America.

I would like to call attention to the subject of the purchase of ambulances; we have assurances that funds for the acquisition of 100 ambulances to be donated privately for the use of the Italian Red Cross, most of whose equipment has been destroyed or appropriated by the Germans, would be obtainable. I am told that the purchase of these ambulances cannot be made without permission from Allied authorities.

Will you be good enough to have the appropriate authorities explore this situation for it is one of extreme importance in devastated Italy at the present time. We should be very grateful for a favorable response.

Sincerely yours.

Myron C. Taylor
Personal Representative of the
President of the United States
to His Holiness the Pope

Rear Admiral Eliery W. Stone, USNR
Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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Ambulances. G. Sec had obtained eight tyres for ambulances for the Italian Red Cross from Commerce Sub-Commission.

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Inter Office Memo.

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Ref: 5208/89/COB.
(Copy to: 8252/COB
2209/COB)

27 January 1945.

To: Chief Commissioner.

Reference your memorandum 1873/3ed of 19 January.

L.P.W.B. Romo.

I referred this matter to the Labour Sub Commission, and Mr. BRAINE in a minute says as follows:

"I see no objection to the publication in any area, forward or rear, of developments in labour and industrial questions. Fifth Army seem to me to be unduly sensitive, and unduly fearful of their ability to deal with questions that may be raised in their area. If they have doubts on this point, the way to meet them is not to suppress information but to devise an effective machinery for handling problems that may occur. If we try the policy of suppressing information presented in a moderate form, we leave the field open for the dissemination of news in a garbled form by subversive elements."

I definitely do not agree with this

2. Land Forces Sub Commission.

General BROWNING in a memorandum states as follows:

"(1) I can assure you that through our L.O's full information has been available to MIA for many months as regards desertion in the Italian Army. It is in fact MIA's business to know this, as it affects manpower etc.

(2) a. I would point out that Italian troops in the forward area work through their own Administrative Divisional commander under the direct orders of Armies. The orders of AFHQ re leave are contained in para.11 of AFHQ letter AG 091.711/169 CCT-0 of 16 Nov. and cannot be altered.

b. Leave is authorized for 7 days, exclusive of travelling time, once in 6 months.

But leave is being given for longer than 7 days
EWS

c. For your information, on 9 Jan:-

Absent without leave	-	13 Corps	2%
" " "	-	entire army	2%
Absent with leave	-	13 Corps	2%
" " "	-	entire army	5%

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Original of this letter placed on file 5208/COB & passed to CSO. 29/1.

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3. Rations for Italian Red Cross.

Brigadier PARKINSON has written a letter to AGCs. of Alps quoting AAI Order No. 252 which authorises the issuing of rations to those who will pay for them -- about 30 lire per day. If the Italian Red Cross personnel are prepared to pay this sum, they will be able to draw rations as do our own Red Cross personnel. Brigadier PARKINSON has not yet received a reply from the Alps.

I think the above satisfactorily answers your points.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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19 January 1945.

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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief of Staff.

Will you kindly take necessary action on the following points which were brought to my attention at the AMG, 5th Army conference on January 13th:

ON 5208

P.W.B., Rome. There was considerable objection voiced to the practice of PWB printing in their forward papers; their "Basic News", in the Army area, wage scales that have been adopted in Italian government areas and which do not apply in the Army area. This only led civilians to demand more pay than they were receiving and such requests would not have occurred if it were not for the publication of these wage scales.

ON 8252

Land Forces Sub-Commission. Attention was drawn to the high rate of desertions in the Italian Army in the forward areas-- particularly in the 13th Corps. Representations will be made through normal channels but it is thought that General Browning should be apprised. It was felt that furloughs in the Italian Army amongst troops in the frontline areas should not exceed seven days. Apparently, much more extended leave has been given.

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Rations for Italian Red Cross. Information is requested as to the possibility of issuing rations to the driver and attendant nurse for each of a number of Italian Red Cross ambulances which are being employed in 5th and 8th Army AMG's. The Italian Red Cross is anxious to cooperate with our public health officers and are able to supply the necessary personnel, but authority should be granted to feed such persons while they are on duty with and serving AMG.

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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Red Cross Ambulances. The Italian Government had offered five completely equipped and staffed Red Cross ambulances, with the suggestion that these be sent to Army areas. COS pointed out that as Eighth Army had recently received six ambulances from Army sources they should not go there.

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2207 Chief of Staff

THE ITALIAN RED CROSS

11 DEC 1944

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

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

The work covered by the Italian Red Cross includes:-

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

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



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

RED CROSS MESSAGES AND ENQUIRIES

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

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

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

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

1. Red Cross 25 word messages to non-interned civilians in enemy and enemy occupied territory.
 - (a) Each message to consist of not more than 25 words excluding address.
 - (b) The charge for each message is 15 lire. This includes the reply.
 - (c) Full name, address and nationality of sender and addressee should be given with text of message. Military addresses are not transmitted, but the address of this bureau is substituted.
 - (d) Forward message and particulars to British Red Cross, Foreign Relations, Record Bureau, Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.
 - (e) The message will be transcribed on to an International Red Cross form for despatch through the International Red Cross at Geneva.
 - (f) The sender should keep the bureau informed of any change in his address.

NOTE: The Postal Message Scheme may not be used for corresponding with Prisoners of War in enemy hands. (See para 6 for communications to P.W. in enemy hands.)

2. Red Cross messages to Allied territory and newly liberated territory.

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2. Red Cross messages to Allied territory and newly liberated territory when normal postal channels are not available.

- (a) Each message to consist of not more than 25 words excluding address. 5008
- (b) No charge is made for such messages.
- (c) Full name, address and nationality of sender and addressee should be given with the text of the message.
- (d) Forward message and particulars to DHC Foreign Relations, Record Bureau, Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.
- (e) The message will be transcribed on to a message form and forwarded through the quickest channels available.
- (f) The sender should keep the Bureau informed of any change in his address.
- (g) As soon as normal postal channels are available people must be urged to use the postal service except in urgent cases of enquiry.

NOTE: (See para 7).

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

- Enquirer:-
- (a) Full name
 - (b) Address
 - (c) Nationality
 - (d) Relationship of enquirer to addressee.
- Addressee:-
- (a) Full name
 - (b) Last known address
 - (c) Nationality
 - (d) Date and place of birth
 - (e) Single, married, widow
 - (f) Profession

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

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

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

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

Italian Red Cross, Via Juglie 6, Rome.

6. Communications to Prisoners of War in enemy hands:

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

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

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

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7. Messages to Russian liberated Territory:

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



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23 November 1944

24 NOV Recd

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for sending me the list of ambulances and vehicles of the Italian Red Cross which have been requisitioned by various authorities. A similar list was prepared and sent in to the Civil Affairs Section at their request and you will see from the attached correspondence the action that has been taken.

We fully appreciate that shortage of transport gravely handicaps the work of the Italian Red Cross and everything will be done to see that it is returned to them as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

The Honorable Myron C. Taylor
The Personal Representative of the
President of the United States of America
to His Holiness the Pope
2 Via Boncompagni
ROME

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Re (COPY PASSED FOR 'A' FILES)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFU 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

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Tel: 735

Ref: 998/57/COS

17 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Red Cross - Ambulances.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Attached is letter from Mr. Myron C. Taylor dated 11 Nov 44 together with its enclosures, also a list of vehicles under dated 16 Nov 44 omitted from previous letter referred to above.
2. It is thought that the RB to Mr. Taylor's letter dated 11 Nov 44 is incorrect but no doubt you will be able to check this.
3. Will you take the necessary action on this correspondence and if a considered reply is likely to be delayed then an interim acknowledgement should be submitted for the Chief Commissioner's signature.

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[Signature]
Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Copy to: Maj. Quayle.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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15 November 1944

16 NOV Recd

MEMORANDUM TO: Office of the Chief of Staff
Attention: Captain Morden

Herewith letter discussed on the telephone, from Mr. Myron Taylor. Will you please deal with it. If a considered reply will take too long to prepare, an interim reply should be drafted as early as possible for the Chief Commissioner's signature.

As regards Mr. Taylor's P.S., I think he is incorrect. Though I have no copy of the letter in my files, I am quite sure that a reply was sent on this subject and that it dealt specifically with the requisitioning of ambulances in the Naples area -- it was the original cause of complaint.

J. A. Quayle
J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

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1 Lt. Brigadier Parkinson has to file on this

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Ref: 2409/716

13 November 1944

SUBJECT: Accommodation - Drivers.

TO : Headquarters,
Rome Area Allied Command.

The British Red Cross are expecting new vehicles to arrive very shortly in this country and new driver-mechanics for them. It is essential that accommodation should be found for the above-mentioned personnel, who are not expected to number more than ten, in Rome, and I should be grateful if you could grant the necessary authority.

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Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

Copy to: CA Sec

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BRITISH RED CROSS ²²⁰⁷ WAR REL.

c/o Allied Control Commission H.Q.,
C. M. F.

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REF. 01.

30th, October, 1944.

FI NOV Recd

Brigadier G.S. Parkinson,
Public Health Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission, H.Q.,
A.P.O. 394,
C.M.F.

SUBJECT - ORGANIZATION.

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The attached report is from the Supervisor British Red Cross, 8th Army and is forwarded for your information.

From the above facts it will be realised that owing to the large quantities of civilian casualties the situation in the Forward Area is somewhat acute. British Red Cross personnel are nearly at their tethers and because they continually have to scrounge and beg for material as a personal favour from unofficial sources. S.P.H.C. of the 8th Army Area agrees that this practice is unadvisable and should not continue.

I really consider the time has now arrived - the Allies having been in Italy for nearly a year - when the question of supplies for all these Civilian Hospitals should be put on a sound and official basis. I consider that the recommendations put up by the British Red Cross are sound and I would be grateful if some action could be taken as is suggested. For your information there are fourteen Civilian Hospitals in the 8th Army Area with a total capacity of 2,200 beds. With the exception of three Hospitals these have all had to be rehabilitate and equipped by the efforts of the Red Cross.

AMBULANCES. Reference this H.Q. letter dated 27th September addressed to Brigadier Lush on the urgency of getting Italian Ambulances on the road. This really seems quite a small matter - with all the resources in Italy, is it not possible for twenty ambulances (which is the figure mentioned in the attached report), to be put in order for this work?

I should be very grateful if you could possibly do something re the above

C. Hought

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER - WAR RELIEF

Copies - The Commissioner
Brig. Lush. ✓
Col. Faranacci.
Mr. Selby-Bigge.
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BRITISH RED CROSS ----- WAR RELIEF
C Allied Control Commission H. G.,
C. M. F.

NOTES ON CIVILIAN HOSPITALS AND ITALIAN RED CROSS
AMBULANCES IN THE 8TH ARMY AREA

A. HOSPITALS

1. There are more civilian casualties than military - figures are not available, but have been asked for.
2. Practically all Civilian Hospitals have been looted by the Germans - generally up to about 50% of materials.
3. Owing to this there is a great shortage of beds, blankets, mattresses, pillows, (sheets necessary for surgical cases) and many of the Civilian Hospitals could take more patients if only beds and mattresses could be found. At present patients are two in a bed and on the floor.
4. Scrounging appears to be the only method of obtaining the necessary bedding. This seems to be one of the Red Cross's chief jobs, which is not very satisfactory and is becoming rather exhausting.

RECOMMENDATION.

Would it be possible for the Red Cross to have permission to draw any suitable salvaged material from Salvage Dumps? Could this be authorised from D.D.O.S. & A.C.C. H. G., Rome?

Could supplies of beds and bedding be made available to the Civilian Hospitals in the 8th Army Area through any other sources? It is believed that Italian soldiers are allowed six blankets a head. This seems a very general allowance - could not this be cut down. If beds and bedding were available many of these Civilian Hospitals could easily be enlarged to take more patients and deal with the influx of civilian wounded that are coming through at the moment.

B. AMBULANCES.

- 1 See attached correspondence re Italian Red Cross ambulances sent to Brigadier Lush some time ago.
- 2 Patients who could be evacuated to Convalescent homes or their own houses from Forward Hospitals if there were means of transport are remaining in the Hospitals and taking up beds urgently required for the serious cases as they come down from the Line. 5000
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3. This means a deadlock and that the Hospitals become overcrowded in the Forward Areas and those further back have empty beds.
4. There are Italian Red Cross ambulances available but nearly all have had parts and tyres stolen by the Germans and therefore cannot function. There are only two I.R.C. ambulances functioning in the Pesaro-Riccione Area, but there are some twenty that could be used if given the necessary tyres and parts. In Ancona the only one I.R.C. ambulance that was now functioning has packed up. There are nine ambulances here that could be used if repaired.

RECOMMENDATION.

Would it be possible for the I.R.C. ambulances to be supplied with tyres and parts so that they could function? This would relieve pressure on Army Transport which is at present helping as far as possible in evacuating the civilian patients.

The Red Cross have organised a chain of twelve Civilian Hospitals from Viterba down to Osimo (see attached list) in order to keep the Forward ones clear for civilian wounded, but without ambulances it is extremely difficult to do this.

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HOSPITALS (CIVIL) () 8TH ARMY AREA

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CE. RO.	200	
LORETO	200	
ANCONA	400	
FALKANARA	40	
JESI	160	and 240 in old people's home.
SENIGALLIA	200	plus 50 if mattresses available
FANO	230	plus
PESARO	291	
CATTOLICA	27	plus 10 infectious
RICCIONE	170	
RIMINI	80	plus 40 if mattresses can be found
VISERBA	90	plus 50 ditto
SAN MARINO	100	
MORCIANO	25	

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COPY OF LETTER RECEIVED FROM COLONEL C.J. FARINACCI DATED 2.9.44. S.P.H.Q 8th ARMY.

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To Red Cross Supervisor 8th Army.

1. As you are well aware the civilian hospitals in the 8th Army Area are filled to capacity and in many instances overflowing. This state of affairs is likely to continue and even to grow worse as the Army advances.

2. This makes it necessary that convalescent patients should be evacuated as soon as possible, either to their homes in the neighbourhood or to a hostel, such as the Red Cross are setting up at Ancona. In addition patients requiring long term hospitalisation have to be transferred to hospitals farther in the rear. The Army Medical Services have repeatedly complained of the inability on the part of AMC and the Civilian Medical Services to provide adequate and efficient handling of civilian wounded. This, however cannot be assured, unless a sufficiency of ambulances is available for the evacuation of patients. As the incidence of civilian wounded coincides with that of military wounded, the Army cannot be expected to provide a dependable system of ambulance transport for civilian convalescents.

3. Thus it is of the utmost importance that the ambulances belonging to local civilian hospitals and to the I.R.C. be put into commission and made available for this purpose. I should be obliged if you would refer this matter to R.C. H.Q. and ask them to take this question up with the higher authorities.

C.J. FARINACCI.

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COPY OF LETTER RECEIVED FROM MR. SELBY BIGGE DATED 2.9.44.

To - The Assistant Commissioner, War Relief, B.R.C.

I attach a letter to me from SPED A.M.C. 8th Army.

The repair of I.R.C. ambulances is a problem which we have been unable to solve either in Perugia, Siena or Ancona. The unsatisfactory attempt to refit three I.R.C. ambulances for Siena was reported to you in my letter of 10th August. Meanwhile the problems become daily more urgent.

As an example of the condition in which I.R.C. ambulances are found on our entry into a town, I attach the report of the I.R.C. in Ancona. If these ambulances could be put into service, they would suffice for all the local needs. But to obtain the tyres of the right size and to get the repair done by 8th Army Workshops is at present impossible. At the same time I understand that the I.R.C. is not in a position either to repair or re-equip these cars.

Thus in 8th Army Area we have reached an impasse. I should therefore be obliged if you would take the matter up with the competent Army Authorities on a higher level.

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J.A. SELBY BIGGE.

Office of Chief of Staff.

Tel: 451.

Clothing Section, Medical Supply Branch.

2209/5/008

26 Oct 44

Civil Affairs Section.

1. Will you please prepare for the Chief of Staff your recommendation for transfer of above Clothing Section jointly with Economic Section.
2. Your AGO/3006/3/PH of 24 Oct 44 refers.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

ACC/3006/3/FH

24 Oct 44

SUBJECT : Clothing Section, Medical Supply Branch.

TO : COS, HQ ACC. ✓

25 OCT Recd

- 1 It is recommended that the duties and responsibilities in connection with warehousing and transport of American Red Cross Clothing now handled by the Clothing Section, Medical Supply Branch be transferred to the Warehousing and Forwarding Section, Transportation Sub-Commission.
- 2 The functions of this Section are now those of storage and transport of Red Cross Clothing. Warehouses are located at Naples and Leghorn. Mr. Ford of the American Red Cross maintains all records on this clothing and approves any requisitions for transfer from warehouses to provinces.
- 3 The staff operating these warehouses is as follows:

British

Capt. Ralph C. Marks, RE, 75237
L/Cpl Norman E. Rose, S/14533160
Pus T. Conner
Pus S. McCaughan
Pte T. Murray, 3851898
Pte Brader

American

S/Sgt Joseph G. Pinciario, 35278223
Pfc Victor A. Spragia, 36607430

G. R. Upjohn

G R UPJOHN,
Brigadier,
VP, CA Sec.
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