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MEDICAL SUPPLIES
OCT. 1944 - MAY 1946

Minute No. 103.

To: Executive Commissioner.

Reference Minutes 97 and 98. The matter was discussed again at the Chief Commissioner's meeting on May 9th.

A. L. Polio 101 is a copy of a note sent to the Chief Commissioner on the present situation and proposed next action.

WPC

*W. L. Polio, Brigadier.
Vt. Ch. Section.*

9th May, 1946

*cc Comm, Min. 105
Police 104 and 101 for info, please
MS 115-10/5*

MS 115-10/5

9th May 1946

VP. CA. Section.

ex Comm. ¹⁰⁵
folios 104 and 101 for info, please
HJ 115-10/5

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Public Health &c be spoke

Understand that some development will be taking place early next week in this matter.

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There seem to be discrepancies in the correspondence.

Enclosure say they have a widely spread efficient organization (para 7 of 83) which can carry out the necessary distributions.

H.E. for Public Health says that ENDIMIA has a "secret organization" (para 1 of 93) which cannot carry out duties. Please let me know result of next weeks meeting.

4/5/46

McCartney
H.P.C.H.S.

100.

V.R. CHS.

The following points were made by Dr. de Jorio of

ENDIMIA at a meeting held with him this morning:-

(1) No letter has been received by him from the Secretary concerning the free distribution of medicine bottles.

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McAuliffe
V.P.C.H.S.

4/10/46

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V.P. C.H.S.

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- (1) No letter has been received by him from the meeting concerning the free distribution of medical supplies.
- (2) About a week ago he conferred with representatives of the H.C. for Public Health & the meeting & it was agreed that a credit of two million lire would be established to enable hospitals in poor financial conditions to be supplied with the necessary supplies. A Special Committee is to be appointed to decide which are the most needy hospitals.
- (3) ENDMETA is in communication with the Ministry of Health, Cambodia & Brazil regarding the distribution of supplies to the hospitals & a few days to next & Dr. de Jairo is going next himself in a few days to hospitals & supervising work. The supplies will, however, be also to hospitals & not to pharmacies.
- (4) ENDMETA advises the Office of the H.C. for Public Health when possible supplies been the experience that, but rarely get instructions concerning their release. His experience is that ENDMETA has a "strong organization" (para 1 of 93).
- (5) He does not agree that ENDMETA has a "scanty organization" (para 1 of 93) and efficiently. He is that if adequate direction & a coordinated plan were made, ENDMETA could carry out that plan quickly and efficiently. (para 1 of 93)

6/5/46.

VP. CATS

91.

We don't seem to get any further on this.

May I hear your recommendations?

MS/12/4

Since writing above I have seen your notes -

pg 4 & attachments. While it is a matter for
 course, the latter has asked our intervention
 which we can't so please him in the middle

MS/12/4

follows -

95.

ALC.C.

Noted. P.H.S/c will batch developments. This
 is that the C.C.'s letter to the P.M. and the letter
 of H.C. for Public Health to the President of the
 Council of Ministers (at 92) which was my sent
 on April 16th will have some effect.

MS. 7114

Mr. Can Buyader
 V.P. C.A.S.

20/4/46

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 178/12/14

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18. 13/4

Mr. Can Buy adin
 K.P.C.A.S.

20/4/46

96...

S.O. (S.C.C.)

Please show them to C.C. on his return
 18. 13/4

97.

178/12/14

F.C. I think - since we brought
 these supplies in - that we should
 ask Kallan if he is now satisfied

VP CTS

Could you take action accordingly?

20/4/46

cc

C.A. Leck.

64.

I understand that, in his work with to
in N.W.2, Bugader Leck was told that Colonel Hancock.

in Fayette Co.

21 sec. 45

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Pub-Health Spc

It is confirmed by F.C. that info came from Col.
Hancock. Will you get into truck with him - or
his Rep. P.H. Officer if there is one - and get particulars
of the irregularities alleged so that we can draw
the attention of the H. Govt to them.

McLan By
V.P.C. 175

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L.P. C.A. Leck.

M.L.

Letter to this effect has been sent to Colonel

Hancock.

See folio 67.
in Fayette Co.
8/24

29/xii/45.

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84 for info please.

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McLan Ray
V.P.C.A.S.

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L.R. C.A. Sec. 1. ML

Letter to this effect has been sent to Colonel

See folio 67. Carling's in Col.
8/12/44.

Hawesock.

29/12/45.

CSO folio 83.

CSO folio 84 for info please. aut. 10/3.
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CSO folio 86 for info. please aut. 4/4
87 H.S. 574

21/3

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Al.C.C.

CSO folio 82, Aide memoire at 89 for acc.

info. please aut. 17/4 H.S. 17/4

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Ex Communications

Run VPCA

Ref folio 42502A.

Folio 41A was only meant for the CC file as a matter of interest as he was away from the office at the time, it was not sent down in appropriate file and of course should have been sent with a personal note. The kinds of channeling correspondence are understated. Since reported.

G.S. Parkinson
Brig

P.H.
20.3.45

noted thanks per
20/3/45

53.

C.910.

Refer your comment at foot of 51

Exclusion

act

60.

I believe you

will see 60.

85. 17/12

17/12

CAS

62.

But according to information in

the North this is just what is not

happening The drugs are going to

Manufacture Chemists - that is the main of the

C. & O.

Reference your comment at foot of 51
 Enclosure
 62.

I believe you
 will see 62.

BS. 17/12

Time 18/12.

CAS/

62.

But according to information in

the North this is just what is not

happening the drugs are going to

Manufacturing Chemicals - that is the majority

drugs which is making Enclosure

so malodorous.

W/20/12

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Public Health etc

For remarks I suggest we should send the
 stated that the drugs are going to Manufacturing Chemicals as that we can
 24/11 investigate fully

Canby

me

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43.

C.S.O.

Please see 42.

Del. 9/3.

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Ex. Come

42 for information. This arrived
in May's Washington Office dated
from Public Health and has 40
as far as I know been seen by

CAS.

10/3.

Seen & noted by EC and CC. 10/3.

46.

V.P. CAS

40-42 for your information in
Case for habeas not seen.

Ex. Come

17/3.

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from Public Health and has been
as far as I know been seen by

CAS. 10/3

Seen & noted by EC and CC. 17/3.

46.

V.P. CAS

40-42 for your information in
Case for later but seen.

Excluded from
17/3.

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D.H.

12 Please pass all communications for the L.O. through
this office. This is 42 refers. see also 46.
(b) Return file to Ex. Commissioner

[Signature]
Col.

L.S.O.

L.A. Sect.

19 Nov 45

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cc 1030
30/1/14

Chief Commissioner

P#11

Attached is submitted for your information/signature/approval.

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(of 3) Noted.

JWS

5/12

17/1/14

23/10

Noted by COS 4/1/14

CC

7/12

17/1/14

19/1

COS COS

I think you should know about 18. I will arrange to follow up.

to you us

19/1

17/1/14

21/1/14

S.O. & C.C.

Proper procedure for 18 is a letter to COS stating

COS requests that COS arrange action

17/1/14

~~CSE~~ C.O.S.

I think you should know about 18. I will arrange to follow up.

to you us

S.O. to C.C.

Proper procedure for 18 is a letter to C.O.S. stating

C.C.s requests to arrange action.

Disputes.

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C.O.S.

Noted. My apologies for the error.

MS/11.

1. A. Quaye

12-1-45.

C.O.S.

At see 28-32. The Sir 7 So. to C.C. has found him out. C.A.S. has addressed C.C. directly. The statement through victim long is, I think, excellent and very clear.

Approved for C.C. MS/11

14/1

Noted by C.C. 1/12

CC

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C.S. 10-11 is DO letter from Brig Parkinson to W2 buyrow
~~at~~ Taylor describing the new Italian organ ENDIMEA
 for the distribution of medical supplies. C.C. may
 like to see.

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E.H.

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TRANSLATION

67161/13073.21.4/19.14

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Rome, 3 May 1946.

MAY 7 1946

Dear Admiral,

The High Commissary for Hygiene and Public Health whose attention I had promptly called to the problem of distribution of medical preparations, about which you had written to me in your letter N/1803 dated 15 March 1946, has given me a detailed explanation of the situation in this matter, confirming that there has actually been undue delay in the deliveries owing to the fact that the financial Administration had requested the payment in advance of the medical preparations in order to avoid burdening the Treasury under the present difficult circumstances.

I have however been assured that, in consequence also of the intensification of assignments to various provinces during these last months, the stocks of the "Indiseca" depots have decreased considerably, while all preparations which could be somehow deteriorated like radiographic material, packages for newly born babies, ether, etc. have been distributed, being assigned in rations to the various provinces.

I have anyways requested the organizations concerned to take strictly care of the matter so that in future every delay in the distribution of the medicines may be avoided and the population - and particularly the poorer classes - may receive a more efficient sanitary assistance.

With kindest regards,

yours truly,

DE GAMBRES

Admiral Filery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

F.C. DIST - 9 May
Action: L. Sec. (2)
Info: E.C.
C.C.

see M 105

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(CPT K)

ALLIED COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT:

REF NO

TO Director of Public Health Sub-Commission.

9th May

1946

Reference the matter of distribution of medical supplies,
attached is a copy of a note on the present position which I have
sent to the Chief Commissioner.

Please get in touch with Colonel Legg of UNRRA regarding
the proposed meeting.

M. CAMR, Brigadier.
VP. CA. Section.

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see 17.103


(CAPT K)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.
176 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

Ref 3046/10.

9 May, 1946

SUBJECT: Distribution of Medical Supplies.

TO: Chief Commissioner.

1. With reference to progress in the matter of the distribution of medical supplies which was raised at your Conference this morning, the following is the present situation:

2. On May 8, the Director of Public Health Sub-Commission held a meeting with the Head of Mission.

Mission do not agree with the High Commissioner for Public Health that their organization is not capable of carrying out deliveries of supplies. They contend that if adequate directions and co-ordinated plans were received they could carry out such plans quickly and efficiently. About 1st May the Head of Mission had conferred with representatives of the High Commissioner for Public Health and the Treasury, and it was agreed that a credit of Lire 50,000,000 would be established to enable hospitals in poor financial condition to buy supplies. A special Committee is to be appointed to decide which are the most needy hospitals.

Mission has been in communication with the Prefects of Piemonte, Lombardia and Venezia regarding the distribution of supplies to the north, and the Head of Mission is proceeding north shortly to supervise negotiations. The supplies will go to hospitals and not pharmacies.

Mission pointed out that they advise the Office of the High Commissioner for Public Health when perishable supplies are near their expiration date, but rarely receive instructions concerning their release.

3. The matter was further discussed after your meeting with the Director of Public Health Sub-Commission, Colonel Salva and Colonel Legg of USRA.

In order to stimulate further action, it was decided that Colonel Legg would take the initiative in arranging an early meeting between representatives of the High Commissioner for Public Health, the Treasury and Mission. The Director of the Public Health Sub-Commission and Colonel Salva will attend this meeting after which it should be possible to prepare a comprehensive aide-memoire on the position.

[Signature]
H. C. M. Brigadier.
V. C. Section 216.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

Re: AG/3072/50/EA

SUBJECT: Distribution of Medical Supplies.
Edimea.

To: Executive Commissioner.

17th April, 1946
APR 18 1946

(93)
With reference to the question of the distribution of the medical supplies with Edimea, the High Commissioner for Public Health wrote a letter to the Treasury on the financial aspect of this matter on the 17th March 1946, a copy of which is attached.

(92)
As the High Commissioner for Public Health has made no progress as regards the proposals he made to the Treasury, he addressed a letter yesterday to the Presidency or the Council of Ministers, a copy of which letter is attached.

You will observe from the letter of March 17th that the High Commissioner for Public Health considers that a considerable reserve must be maintained. The High Commissioner should be left to decide what reserve he considers adequate. From the letter of 17th April it is observed that there has been duplication of distribution or which without doubt UNRRA will have been informed. I feel that the whole matter is now one for the Italian Government and UNRRA.

The Public Health Sub-Commission will, however, keep in touch with the High Commissioner for Public Health as regards the communication he has just made to the Presidency or the Council of Ministers and are considering the points raised by the Head of Edimea with the Economic Section.

M. Carr
M. CARR, Brigadier.
VF. CA. Section.

See to 91-96-97-98
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(CPTX)

High Commissioner for Public Health

Rome, 17 March 1946

Uff V/A Sez IV No. 20400.5.AG.17/2065

Subject : Distribution of medical supplies. Endimea.

To : Treasury.

The information contained in the letter referred to above do not seem to bring any positive contribution towards the solution of the problem which has been repeatedly brought to your attention, and which unfortunately is as yet to be solved.

In its simplest terms, the situation is as follows :

All Hospitals and Welfare Agencies are compelled, in accordance with the instructions issued by the Treasury, to pay in advance the medical supplies which are monthly allotted to them. As they lack finance, they often are unable to collect the supplies allotted to them.

If, as you suggest, after having fulfilled the immediate and real needs of the Hospitals, the balance of medical supplies should be sold to wholesalers and chemists, one cannot see how the future requirements of the hospitals could be fulfilled, as they would have to buy what they need from wholesalers and chemists, at considerably increased prices.

These supplies, which have been given to Italy by the Allies under Category "A", must not be considered as goods to be sold as soon as possible and at the most convenient price, but rather as a precious help for the Italian people, to be wisely and carefully administered so as to ensure for as long as possible, and until national production will be back to normal, the essential supplies for the hospitals.

On the basis of these considerations we had put forth the proposal ~~that a special Body should be created to ensure the continued and regular distribution of medical supplies to the proper agencies, whether they were in a position to pay for them or otherwise.~~ Since the Treasury has definitely rejected this proposal and in view of the serious situation which is arising as regards the supply of medicines to the Hospitals under the existing provisions, we wish to ~~point out~~ make the following remarks:-

1. Endimea has a scanty organisation and only a few large depots which do not contain a complete variety of supplies. It cannot therefore carry out with the necessary speed the prearranged deliveries, as it must from time to time shift a given article from one depot to another, over considerable distances.
2. It is absolutely necessary to hold on to reserves for hospitals and welfare agencies for many months to come, at least until through the utilisation of the raw materials furnished by UMBRA it will be possible to restore national production.
3. ~~The Government~~ The Government is duty bound to ensure medical supplies to hospitals even if they are not in a position to pay for them in advance.

We therefore request the concurrence of the Treasury for the immediate realisation of the following scheme:

1. That Endimea should immediately institute provincial depots.
2. A homogeneous distribution through all provincial depots of medical supplies as yet existing in the warehouses taken over by Endimea, which must be returned to the Ministry of War (Florence) and to the Red Cross (Naples)
3. A regular and direct distribution in each province, without intermediaries, of medical supplies to Hospitals and other Bodies, along the lines of the plan which this Office has pre-arranged, through the Medici Provinciali.
4. Sales to be made to hospitals with deferred payments, and possibly granting subsidies to hospitals in order that they may pay.

Only when the provincial depots will have been duly stocked it will be possible to gage any surplus of given items, and one will then consider the best way for placing them on the private market with a view to ensure the maximum profit for the Treasury and to avoid speculation.

It is trusted that, having superseded the ~~concept of~~ financial concept of medical supplies distribution, this question may rapidly find a solution through an agreement which should mainly take into account the sanitary assistance to the poor.

Bergami

High Commissioner for Public Health

Rome, 16 April 1946

Uff.V/A Sez.2

Subject : - Distribution of Allied Medical Supplies

To : - The Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

Reference the complaint made by Admiral Stone to you, dated 15 March, and the remarks made concerning the functioning of Endimea and the slow distribution of Allied Medical Supplies, it is considered that the situation can be summed up as per attached letter addressed by this Office to the Treasury.

It is added that as no further arrivals of finished products have taken place, while the allocation of medical supplies in the provinces of Piedmont, Lombardy, Sicily, Calabria etc. have been increased, the balance of the supplies held by Endimea have been considerably reduced. So much so that in some places (for instance at Firenze, Castello and Roma, Torricola) it has been possible to begin vacating the premises to be returned to the Military Authorities. All perishable products, such as X Ray equipment, ether, confinement bags etc. have been rationed to the various provinces. It would appear, however, that on account of the simultaneous distributions carried out by UNRRA; the immediate absorbing capacity of the provinces is very limited and ever decreasing.

As the attitude of the Treasury concerning the payment of medical supplies and equipment remains unchanged, no way can be seen for a rational distribution of the Allied Medical Supplies.

High Commissioner

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref : ES/1803

16 April 1946

SUBJECT: Distribution of Medical Supplies

APR 16 1946

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner

AIDE MEMOIR

1. The non-distribution of medical supplies was discussed.

- (a) Dott. De Jorio pointed out that ENDELEA, since the period September-October, has been distributing supplies in accordance with instructions from the High Commissioner of Public Health. The High Commissioner of Public Health relies upon distribution through hospitals and similar institutions. Using such a channel, a comparatively small proportion of available supplies are disbursed.
- (b) Dott. De Jorio believes it would be sounder to set up ENDELEA outlets and distribute directly to the population.
- (c) In response to a question as to why not distribute through private retail channels, Dott. De Jorio mentioned the dissatisfaction which might arise because black market prices might be obtained for some of the items.

2. Difficulties in Paying for the Medical Supplies.

Dott. De Jorio pointed out that while it is true that hospitals are called upon to pay for the medical supplies, it is equally true that in case a hospital is in such financial straits that it can prove its inability to pay they will get the supplies by special arrangement. From his experience he believes that such cases of clearance need involve no more than a few days.

3. Possible Interference from ALOCM.

Dott. De Jorio stated that there had been no practical interference by ALOCM. He was aware of certain freezing orders on supplies in Genova, but added that the freeze had, in itself, caused no non-distribution because even if unfrozen the supplies would not have been distributed during the period of the block.

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4. The primary purpose of this Aide Memoir is to inform the Public Health Sub-Commission of the meeting and to inform them that Economic Section is taking no further immediate action unless called upon to do so.

Charles W. Walton
CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel, AC
Acting Vice President

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Public Health S/C

Mr. Constantino
Public Health S/C

Dott. Vittorio De Jorio
Director General of MEDICINA

Mr. Lynch, UNRRA

Lt. Col. Webster, ES

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.
APO 394.
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

Ref:

To: Executive Commissioner.

3rd April, 1946.

With reference to the question of the distribution of medical supplies by ~~Enders~~ the Director of the Public Health Sub-Commission has discussed the matter with the Deputy High Commissioner for Public Health.

It is understood that the Prime Minister has spoken to the Minister of the Treasury with a view to making a distribution to hospitals and clinics, either without payment or on account.

The old difficulty still persists that hospitals and clinics have not sufficient funds to pay in advance or are unable to pay at all.

As regards distribution of medical supplies to wholesalers and availability to the general public, the Deputy High Commissioner indicated that he was concentrating on meeting the needs of hospitals and clinics and that after their requirements had been met, there would be little available for the general public.

Dr. Bergami, the High Commissioner for Public Health, is in London at the moment, but is expected to return very shortly when he will take up the matter again with the Prime Minister.

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COPY TO: ECON SEC(2)

U.S. EMBASSY

BR. EMBASSY

VATICAN RELIEF FUND (ENDS)

G.S. AFHQ

UNRRA

CHIEF COMMR.

MRE
M. CARR, Brigadier.
VP. CA. Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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MAR 15 1946

RS/10.03

15 March 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

During the last two years the Allies have imported a very large amount of medical supplies into Italy for the prevention of suffering and disease. These supplies have been handed over to an Italian organization known as Endimex. I am informed that only a small percentage of these supplies have been distributed and that at present no less than ten thousand tons are lying in Endimex warehouses throughout the country and have lain there for months. I enclose a report from the Director General of Endimex which confirms this.

I need not tell you that a deplorable impression this state of affairs has made on those in the various Allied relief organizations and in UNRRA who are doing their utmost to help the sick and suffering. It will become impossible to justify the import of further medical supplies into Italy while large stocks are lying in the warehouses, in spite of the urgent needs of the hospitals and dispensaries and the general public for all kinds of medical supplies.

Whatever may be the reason for this serious fault; whether it is that the Italian treasury has not made available the necessary credits or whether it is that Endimex insists on cash payment in advance; I feel sure, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, that you will agree that the state of affairs must be remedied and must be remedied immediately. If the problem is handled vigorously and speedily there should be no reason why the supplies could not be distributed within 45 - 60 days.

I would urge you therefore to urge all your responsible Ministers to make a coordinated effort to effect a speedy, regular, and efficient distribution of medical supplies to hospitals and the pharmaceutical trade. Only by such action can justification be made for further imports of medical supplies.

See Section (2)
cc: U.S. Embassy.
British Embassy.
Vatican Relief Fund (FND51)
G-5, AFHQ.
UNRRA.
6. Com.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Elery W. Stone

ELERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

See Min 85

See 7-103

See 2-30

COPY

Ref: 1610/u.

FROM: ENDDUEA - The Director General
Rome.

TO : Mr. Keeney,
Chief of the Mission,
Rome.

cc: C.O.M. Action
RS (2)
Registry (2)

ROME. 4th March 1945.

1. With reference to the request of your secretary, I thereby enclose the return of ENDDUEA pharmaceutical and medical supplies available in the centres of Naples, Florence, Ancona, Catania, Genoa, Leghorn, Venice, Bari, Rome.
 2. Movements in a/m centres are carried out according to a perfect administrative procedure. Notwithstanding this, it is impossible to have a complete list of the supplies at hand. As a matter of fact, while I am writing to you, distributions are being carried out. Moreover, the shipping orders concerning the distributions which have been effected a few days ago have not yet reached our centre.
 3. In order to bring up to date the lists, which I hereby enclose, you should deduct about 1.5% from the quantities shown in a/m lists.
 4. I enclose, moreover, a return summarizing (in Italian lire) the quantities of products received and distributed.
- As you will see, by the end of 31st January 1945 we have received products amounting to about 223 millions lire and by the end of 30th September 1945 we distributed products totalling about 190 millions lire.

We have received also the following products:

During August 1945 about	Lit. 117 millions
" September 1945, about	" 420 "
" October, November, December, 1945, about	" 496 "
At the same time ENDDUEA has distributed:	
From October 1945 until February 1946 about	" 47 "
the distributions which are being carried out	
at present, or those for which the receipt vouchers	
have not yet reached us, may be estimated at approx."	11 "

5. As it appears from data given in attached list, ENDDUEA has distributed approx. 20% of the commodities received.

While it is to be noted that the distribution of the commodities received during the month of August total approximately 865 (products received total about 223 millions lire; products distributed total approximately 190 millions lire).

The distribution of commodities effected against the quantity of goods received after August 1945 total approximately 5.5% only.

6. As I had formerly informed you, we have not yet had the possibility of

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While it is to be noted that the distribution of the commodities received during the month of August total approximately 86% (products received total about 223 millions lire; products distributed total approximately 190 millions lire).

The distribution of commodities effected against the quantity of goods received after August 1945 total approximately 5.5% only.

6. As I had formerly informed you, we have not yet had the possibility of distributing the commodities according to our own views, but had to carry out the distribution programs as laid down by higher authorities from whom we depend.

7. As I have already explained to you, and as your representatives will already have ascertained, and will later on be able to ascertain better still, we have a widely spread and efficient organization which can carry out the necessary distributions in a rational and scrupulous way.

We will readily give you any further information required.

We hope that in the shortest possible time ENIDIBA will carry out speedily and efficiently the task for which it has been formed to the benefit of the country.

With best regards,

Yours truly,

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL.

/s/ illeg.

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RETURN OF MEDICINED SUPPLIES MOVEMENT

FROM: 1.10.1944.

TO: 28.2.1946.

Medical supplies received directly
from the Allies including
August 1945.

Lit. 223,490.743,85

Medical supplies
distributed as at
the end of
September 1945. Lit. 190,086.600.46

Medical supplies withdrawn
from CCMD in Naples
during August 1945.

¥ 117.046.641.75

Medical supplies " 46.981.703.40
distributed
from October 45
until 28 Feb 46

Medical supplies
withdrawn from CCMD
Florence during
September 1945

¥ 420.587.976.50

Medical supplies " 11.057.618.25
in course of
distribution
concerning which
we do not possess
complete details.

Chemical and pharmaceutical "
products, directly
imported during the months
of October, November,
December 1945.

496.421.839.87

Lire 1.257.548.201.97

Lire 248.125.922.11

THE CHIEF ACCOUNTANT

/s/ illeg.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Health Sub-Commission

AC/3072/50/PH

14 March 1946

MEMORANDUM

TO : - VP, CA Section, HQ, ALCOM

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1. Reference is made to the letter of 2 March 1946 by the Executive Commissioner, regarding ANDIEA and medical supplies.

2. A letter was sent by this office to U.N.R.R.A. on 6 March 1946 asking for a joint discussion of the matter. A reply was received from the Public Health Section, U.N.R.R.A., that such a letter had been sent to the Allied Commission.

3. No such letter has been received by this Office. Repeated inquiries, including a personal visit, have not produced the letter, although at one time it was said to have been drafted and that a Col. Ekserdjian was to call on your office to discuss it.

4. The visit to-day produced no trace of the letter at all, and the persons concerned were either out of town or in a staff meeting. These people seem to have a penchant for meetings and long distance telephone conversations, and so cannot speak to a caller.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

W. W. Sampson
WILLIAM W. SAMPSON
Captain Sn.C.
Executive Officer
Public Health Sub-Commission

Copy to : - Executive Commissioner, HQ, ALCOM.

Ref: 3406/80/HC.

20 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Medical Supplies.

TO : VP, GA Section.

1. I spoke to you yesterday about ENDDREA. UNRRA reports that there are roughly 10,000 tons of medical supplies lying in depots in this country, urgently needed for hospitals and dispensaries. There is some bureaucratic stoppage in the release of these supplies and the Chief Commissioner is anxious that the matter should be taken up at the highest level.

2. Would you, therefore, instruct Public Health Sub-Commission to coordinate with UNRRA a memorandum setting out the whole position in such a form that it can be brought to the notice of the Prime Minister. The Italian officials concerned appear to be URIO, Head of ENDDREA, BERGAMI and CORBINO.

M. S. LUSH

MSL/JG.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

See 7-84

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Ref: 3406/80/EC.

24 March 1946.

SUBJECT: Medical Supplies.

TO : VP, CA Section.

1. I spoke to you yesterday about MEDIMEA. UNHRA reports that there are roughly 10,000 tons of medical supplies lying in depots in this country, urgently needed for hospitals and dispensaries. There is some bureaucratic stoppage in the release of these supplies and the Chief Commissioner is anxious that the matter should be taken up at the highest level.

2. Would you, therefore, instruct Public Health Sub-Commission to coordinate with UNHRA a memorandum setting out the whole position in such a form that it can be brought to the notice of the Prime Minister. The Italian officials concerned appear to be URIO, Head of MEDIMEA, MERCANI and CORBINO.

M. S. LUSH

MSL/JG.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

See 7-84

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Presidency of the Council of
Ministers

Rome, 5 February 1946

Cabinet No. 20000.1v.

TO: H.Q. Allied Commission

Reply to the letter 3406/72/EC

Office of the Executive
Commissioner

R O M E

Subject: Medical instruments.

FEB 8 1946

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Reference your letter 3406/72/EC, with which
was forwarded to this office the request of Dr. Lanzi, town doctor
of Montevoglio, we inform you that the matter is passed to the
Prefecture of Bologna, asking that they examine the question of the
above Dr. Lanzi.

Yours very truly,
the High Commissioner
(signed illegible).

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Executive Commissioner

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Roma, 5 febbraio

*Presidenza
del Consiglio dei Ministri*

ALTO COMMISSARIATO
PER L'IGIENE E LA SANITA' PUBBLICA

*GRABINETTO L. N. 20000.1.v.
Risposta al Teleg. del 24.05/72/EG
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AL QUARTIER GENERALE DELLA
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Ufficio del Commissario Esecutivo

R O M A

OGGETTO Strumenti medici -

In relazione alle lettere su citate con
le quali veniva trasmessa a questo Ufficio l'istanza
del Dr. Lenzi, Medico condotto di Montevoglio, al co-
munice che è stata interessata la Prefettura di Bolo-
gna perché esamini la possibilità di fornire di mi-
croscopio l'ambulatorio di coniozzo medica del Comune
suddetto.

L'ALTO COMMISSARIO

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ROMA

OGGETTO Strumenti medici -

In relazione alla lettera su citata con la quale veniva trasmessa a questo Ufficio l'istanza del Dr. Lenzi, Medico condotto di Montevoglio, si comunica che è stata interessata la Prefettura di Bologna perché esamini la possibilità di fornire di mi-
croscopio l'ambulatorio di condotta medica del Comune suddetto.

L'ALTO COMMISSARIO



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Proposta al Regio del 3405/72/EG
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Design Centre No: C/8385

Date Time Rec'd: JAN 31 0900 AM

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TO : ACWAR/WASHINGTON FOR CCR FOR CCAC.

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Venezia/Uaine civil important programme: medical requirements.

Reference: IAC Algorithm 139 appendix F para 1.

Following I surplus to US threat requirements are available in satisfaction of Venezuela Giulia/Udine requests if you approve allocation. Pending your decision they have been withdrawn from declaration to OPEC and frozen.

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Surplus available in US theatre stocks

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This is LAC 1353.

Venezia/Udine civil important programs: medical requirements.

Reference LAC Airgram 139 appendix F para 1.

Following I surplus to US theater requirements are available in satisfaction of Venezia Giulia/Udine requests if you approve allocation. Pending your decision they have been withdrawn from declaration to OFIC and frozen.

Serial number

Surplus available in US theatre stocks

3	1680
5	12250 litres
6	900
7	1560
9	125
10	300
12	2200
14	100
15	900
21	1200
25	350
26	250
32	1000
33	4000
34	70
35	900
36	200
37	1000

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31 JAN 1946

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Surplus available in US theatre
stocks

Serial number

39	6500
46	1300
49	175
50	225
54	370
55	400
58	1270
60	600
66	1230
73	1000
74	1500
76	21040
90	1430
112	3220
114	300
115	125
116	750
120	3000
132	100
139	20
141	1000
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Surplus available in US
inventory stocks

165
166
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210
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236
240
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263
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267
270
271
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318
321
326
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263	21	
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358	sent	
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375	100	
376	175	
377	550	
378	150	
386	150	
397	5	
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Serial number

Surplus available in US

theatre stocks

414

800

423

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Para 2. Serial 15, 1000 each one quarter pound units tankie
could also available.

Para 3. Confirmation follows by Sirpam.

Para 4. British theatre surpluses already declared to troops
(and there) by medical discontinue GHQ 3MT in their list number
9 under their reference W point 4266 dated 17 December 45. AM
investigating how far surpluses on this list correspond with needs
needs of civil import programme and will advise further. Mean-
while request similar action by troops.

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ACTION DIRECTION

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THE UNITED STATES

Para 3. Confirmation follows by Kirtland.

Para 4. British theatre surpluses already declared to troops (and there) by medical directorate HQ CMB in their list number 9 under their reference M point 4266 dated 17 December 45. AM investigating how far surpluses on this list correspond with needs of civil import programme and will advise further. Meanwhile request similar action by troops.

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31 JAN 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originators Reference: C18262

Date Time of Origin: JAN. 30 1357Z

Message Centre No: 334

Date Time Rec'd: JAN. 31 0900

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ G 5

TO: AGWAR WASHINGTON FOR CCG FOR CCAG INFO: WAR OF LONDON FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS, ALCON ROME, XIII CORPS FOR 2MC.

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Public Health requirements Venezia Giulia/ Udine.

This is LAC 1351. Reference CAL 1511 and LAC Agram 135.

Justification for total requirements for Venezia Giulia as requested in LAC AGRAM 133 are submitted for your consideration.

(A) Geographical conditions peculiar to zone B particularly in Trieste, Pola and Gorizia makes that part of Venezia Giulia dependent on zone A for medical treatment and supplies.

(B) In order to prevent disease and unrest in zone A and because of the absence of adequate medical centres and supplies in zone B it will be necessary for zone A to continue the medical services heretofore provided under both Italian and Austrian administration.

(C) Unless the requirements requested are forthcoming the medical supplies for Venezia Giulia and Udine provinces will be prematurely exhausted.

2. The question of preplacement of supplies expended in zone A for treatment of Yugoslav personnel by UNRRA is the subject of discussion at this Headquarters.

3. In case request in LAC AGRAM on 39 can be granted then will please reduce the requirements for Venezia Giulia by 2/3s for the period January through June 1946, but in agreeing to such reduction temporarily, must emphasize that it may still be necessary to ask for the original total.

4. In case UNRRA.

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Public Health requirements Venezia Giulia/ Udine.

This is LAC 1351. Reference CAL 1311 and LAC Airgram 135.

Justification for total requirements for Venezia Giulia as requested in LAC AIRGRAM 139 are submitted for your consideration.

(A) Geographical conditions peculiar to zone B particularly in Trieste, Pola and Gorizia makes that part of Venezia Giulia dependent on zone A for medical treatment and supplies.

(B) In order to prevent disease and unrest in zone A and because of the absence of adequate medical centres and supplies in zone B it will be necessary for zone A to continue the medical services heretofore provided under both Italian and Austrian administration.

(C) Unless the requirements requested are forthcoming the medical supplies for Venezia Giulia and Udine provinces will be prematurely exhausted.

2. The question of replacement of supplies expended in zone A for treatment of Yugoslav personnel by UNRRA is the subject of discussion at this Headquarters.

3. In case request in LAC AIRGRAM on 39 comm. be granted then will please reduce the requirements for Venezia Giulia by 2/3s for the period January through June 1945, but in agreeing to such reduction temporarily, must emphasize that it may still be necessary to ask for the original total.

4. LAC 1351 UNRRA.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

JAN 22 1946

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: O 15551

Message Centre No: 6/7773

Date/Time of Origin: 211946

Date Time Rec'd: JAN 22 0930

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ FROM: 05

TO: 13 COMS FOR: 145 INFO: ALCOA ROLE

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THIS IS CIL 1511.

REFERENCE LAC AIR 139 AF MEDIA P FROM 5, FOLLOWING IS COPY OF LACAR
MESSAGE #01 37629 DATED 16 JANUARY; 4. 1. THIS IS

AIR... REFER LAC AIR 139 (PUBLIC HEALTH REQUIREMENTS, VENEZUELA
STUDIES).

COMS HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR TERRITORY UNDER YUGOSLAV ADMINISTRATION.

THE MEDICAL SUPPLIES WILL BE LIMITED TO POPULATION OF MILITARY
GOVERNMENT ADMINISTERED TERRITORY. REQUIREMENTS WILL BE REDUCED
ACCORDINGLY. FURTHER DETAILS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

TO: 145

ATTN: DIRECTOR: LAC SECTION 18
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INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: WOL 37629

Message Centre No: G/7463

Date/Time of Origin: 152318Z

Date Time Rec'd: JAN 16 1000

Precedence: ROUTINE

JAN 17 1946

FROM: WOL FROM COS CIVIL COLO

TO: ALCON WOL ALCON FOR PHCS

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REPEATED INFORMATION ALCON, AND US BASE SECTION FOR CARRIER SECRETARIAT.

REFER L.C. WINGMAN 139 (PUBLIC HEALTH REQUIREMENTS, VENEZUELA-CIVIL.)

COSCO HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR TERRITORY UNDER MUGGLEY ADMINISTRATION.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES WILL BE LIMITED TO POPULATION OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT

ADMINISTERED TERRITORY. REQUIREMENTS WILL BE REDUCED ACCORDINGLY.

DETAILS WILL FOLLOW

AC DIST

ACTION/DIRECTION: ALCON SECTION 18
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Health Sub-Commission

(71)
14th January 1946

AC/3065/8/PH

Subject : - Medical Instruments

To : - Executive Commissioner, A.C.

1. Reference your 3406/69/EC of 7th January and attached letter from a doctor requesting a microscope, Allied Commission no longer has any control over imported medical supplies which are all been handed over to the Italian Government for disposal.

2. The only suggestion to be made is that the letter might be forwarded to the High Commissioner for Public Health with a request that he should give it favourable consideration.

G. M. Frizelle
G. M. FRIZELLE
Colonel,
Director,
Public Health Sub-Commission

See F. 724

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

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Ref: 3406/72/EC

16 January 1946

SUBJECT: Medical Instruments

TO : High Commissioner for Public Health

71 refers

The attached letter has been received by the Chief Commissioner and is passed to you for such action as you may consider suitable.

If anything can be done to help Dott. Lenzi it would afford pleasure to Admiral Stone.

C. R. B. [illegible]

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 3406/69/EC

7 January 1946

SUBJECT: Medical Instruments.

TO : Public Health S/C.

The attached letter has been received by the Chief Commissioner who wishes to know if anything can be done to help this man.

G. R. [illegible]
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Country Doctor asks whether he could be given a
good microscope which he has never been
able to afford.

(municipal doctor at Montevoglio
Bologna)

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NEW JARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Health Sub-Commission

29 December 1945

AC/3072/FH

JAN 5 1946

SUBJECT: - Distribution of Medical Supplies.

TO : - Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region. *61 refers*

1. It is understood that Medical supplies in the North, instead of getting to the consumer through the wholesalers and retail chemists, are finding their way into the hands of manufacturing chemists.

2. If this is correct it will be appreciated if particulars concerning such maldistribution of medical supplies could be furnished so that the matter can be brought to the attention of the Italian Government.

G.M. FRIZELLE, Colonel,
Director,
Public Health Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Health Sub-Commission

AC/3072/PH

15 DEC 1945

14 December 1945

Subject : - Distribution of Medical Supplies

DEC 15 1945

To : - VP. CA Section

The scheme for the distribution of medical supplies is as follows :-
Each Medico Provinciale submits to the office of the High Commissioner for Public Health the requirements for his province and these requests are screened by Professor Bergami's office and then passed to ENDIMEA. ENDIMEA then effects distribution to the wholesalers in each province who have been nominated by the Prefects and approved by the High Commissioner for Public Health. The wholesalers then sell the supplies to the retailers.

G.M. Prizelle
G.M. PRIZELLE
Colonel,
Director
Public Health Sub-Commission

See in 62. 63. 64. 65. 66

& folio 67

L. C. Section

Forwarded at request of G. S.

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13 DEC 1945
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ROUTINE
SEP 26 1945

FROM: WAR FROM CCB CITE COAC

TO: ALLIED COMMISSION FOR ACTION FOR GLAC RPTD INFO AFHQ FOR PHCBG
AND UK BASH SECTION FOR CABINET SECRETARIAT.

UNCLASSIFIED.

This is COM 222.

Medical supplies, MEX airgram 77.

OPRB recommends:

Cocaine from UNITED STATES or UNITED KINGDOM. Bactine from
UNITED KINGDOM. Opium- 2 tons from UNITED KINGDOM, balance IRAN or
BULGARIA.Opium purchases subject to filing by Italian Government of reports
with permanent central opium board as requested in COM 142. Italian
delegation here advised by FRA HILLOU NG.See n. 62.DISTACTION REQ BR 4
INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER
EX COMMISSIONER
CC TO BR HMB
CA TO US EMB
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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Dear General

This was mentioned at V.P.s
meeting today - can you help and
let us know.

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Dear Maurice,

The attached memo. from
my C.O.S. shows action taken in the
line picture. I'm afraid REEKIE
gave you a false picture - as we
find unfortunately so many people
do!
W. L. B.

F. C.
GWD

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UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
ITALIAN MISSION

12 September 1945

Ref. No.

TO: Adm. E. W. Stone, Chief Commissioner, AC
FROM: D. A. Reekie, Lt. Col., Director of Health
SUBJECT: Release of Medical Supplies Owned by Italian Army in Sardinia
to UNRRA in Sardinia for Distribution to Civilian Hospitals

During the first week in June 1945, the Italian Army together with AMIA were planning to move a quantity of Italian Army medical supplies from Sardinia to the mainland. We learned of this and undertook negotiations to borrow certain quantities of these supplies for civilian distribution in Sardinia against repayment in kind to the Italian Army on the mainland of Italy.

The matter dragged along until we were told in the last week of July that these medical supplies had been moved from Sardinia; however, the last week in August we learned that General Pinna had somehow blocked the movements of these supplies to the mainland. Then we reopened negotiations to borrow these supplies against repayment in kind on the mainland. As matters now stand, the Italian Army is willing to authorize the release of these medical supplies to UNRRA for distribution in Sardinia provided they can have the permission of AMIA.

We have a copy of the inventory of these medical supplies, we know what we are importing in our program, and we propose that our district health officer in Sardinia together with the medico provinciale study the two lists to determine which of the Italian medical supplies we can use for civilian distribution and which we can repay from our supplies here on the mainland. Many of the supplies we can repay in kind immediately and others we can repay in October and November.

This is a request that you use your influence to obtain consent by AMIA to allow the Italian Army to proceed with this negotiation.

D. A. Reekie

D. A. Reekie, Lt. Col.
Director of Health
UNRRA Italian Mission

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CC to S. M. Keeny

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Subject: Release of Italian Army Medical Supplies in Sardinia to UNRRA.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E

13 September 1945

Memorandum for General Browning:

Lt. Col. Reekie of UNRRA called this morning at my invitation to discuss the above subject and the letter Lt. Col. Reekie wrote the Chief Commissioner under date of 12 September.

Lt. Col. Holman, ADMS, MMIA, was present at the conference.

The following points were covered:

1. UNRRA has attempted to handle direct with the Italian Army officials who referred UNRRA to MMIA, but UNRRA had not discussed with us.
2. The only information we had was from Col. Albert in Sardinia who had reported that UNRRA had approached him and were referred to us.
3. It was explained to Col. Reekie that (1) the medical supply of the Italian Army is a British responsibility and is therefore controlled, (2) the Italian Army is not a free-agent in regard to medical supplies, as all supplies in Italian depots are available for the entire army in order to save Allied supplies, (3) discussions with the Italian Army or our liaison officers will not be productive of results and (4) the letter to the Chief Commissioner was uncalled for until after UNRRA had first discussed the matter with us.
4. Col. Holman has discussed the matter with the Surgeon General of the Italian Army. The Italian Army is opposed to selling its supplies to UNRRA for cash, but is willing to exchange supplies in Sardinia for supplies on the mainland. The Surgeon General's desire is approved.
5. In order to save transportation, MMIA is willing to deliver to UNRRA in Sardinia any supplies available, surplus to Army levels, for like supplies to be turned over by UNRRA on the mainland. UNRRA will submit the list to Col. Holman, who will handle.
6. UNRRA will submit to Col. Holman a list of supplies now needed, but which cannot now be exchanged in kind as UNRRA has not

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yet received the supplies and cannot guarantee a date for repayment in kind. If any such supplies are available in Italian Depots surplus to the foreseeable needs of the Army, we will release on the promise of repayment by UNRRA. It was pointed out that this will only be done where we are able to clearly see that such action will not cause any demands to be made on the Allies by the Italian Army for such items prior to repayment in kind by UNRRA.

7. The Italian Army will not be allowed to sell, loan, or dispose of any Allied supplies without authority of MMIA, nor will the Italian Army be allowed to dispose of any of its own stocks where such action would require replacement from British Army stocks.



CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry

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Ref: 3406/59/EC

13 September 1945

SUBJECT: Medical Supplies

TO : Civil Affairs Section

May we have a reply, please, to letter 3406/58/EC dated 6 September 1945 on the above subject.

R. W. KEMSLEY

Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

Reply in min 30 sec P.H. file 3572
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Ref: 3406/58/EC.

6 Sept 45.

SUBJECT: Medical Supplies.

TO : VP, CA Section.

1. July monthly report of Public Health Sub-Commission indicates that despite repeated representations to the Italian Government, ENDEMA had made ~~by~~ distribution of medical supplies for three months.

2. May I be told of the present position.

M. S. LUSH

MSL/JC.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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23 August 45.

My Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

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I am considerably alarmed at reports I have received concerning the lack of adequate distribution of Allied medical supplies by the organization known as MEDUSA which has been set up to effect distribution.

It appears that the chief source of delay is the fact that the Treasury has instructed MEDUSA to receive payment for supplies prior to distribution. Where large accounts are concerned it is often difficult for the receiving agency to produce the required sum at short notice with the result that the ordinary man in the street is deprived of his much needed medical supplies.

I should be grateful if you would interest yourself in this matter with a view to persuading the Treasury to rescind their ruling on payment and so obtain an immediate release of supplies which are at present lying in the warehouses of MEDUSA in large quantities.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone
ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

Professor Ferruccio Parri,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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14 July 1945.

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Dear Mr. Keeney:

This will confirm the matter which I discussed with Governor Lehman and you on 10 July, namely, the need for hospital equipment for a 40-bed hospital which Italian residents of Anzio and Nettuno desire to activate in the latter town.

I understand that a building has been set aside for this purpose, but that the inhabitants are in great need of hospital and other medical equipment which, it would seem to me, UNRRA is best able to provide.

However, I shall be glad to offer the collaboration of my Public Health Sub-Commission if there is anything we can do to assist.

Very truly yours,

W. Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

(COPY TO FILE 3405/EC)

Mr. S. M. Keeney,
Chief, UNRRA Italian Mission.

EXEC. Comm'r.

Copy to: Brigadier G. S. Parkinson, E.S.O.,
Director, Public Health Sub-Commission.

Prince Enrico Barberini,
President of the Association for the Rehabilitation
and Development of Anzio and Nettuno,
Via Quattro Fontane 13, (Palazzo Barberini),
Rome.

(GAS. NORDEN)

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HQ VENEZUELA REGION AND FROM PUBLIC HEALTH
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Reference your wire 8207 dated 23 May.

Have contacted Col PARR and Lt Col BISSONNET. There is no
DDT powder in DOMBARDY or VENEZUELA Regions. Situation critical. Unable
to order refugees who are coming through this Region at rate of 6000
per day.

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Tel: 343

30 May 1945

Ref: 806/101.

SUBJECT: Four Notes by Executive Commissioner.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

The following four notes have been received from the Executive Commissioner and are passed to you for information and appropriate action:

1. German Disbanded Army. Discussed with Colonel Murphy and BROWN, total numbers 17,000 in about 15 camps. Great care has been taken with local population and less than 1,000 will be evicted.
2. Brigadier Dawney, in command of 21st Tank Brigade, is the operating officer and has the matter entirely in hand.
3. There appears to be no necessity for a proclamation on fraternisation but use will be made of the notice issued by 5th Army which is in the hands of Milia Region.
4. Medical Supplies. There is a shortage of disinfectants and also chlorine compound for water treatment. Chlorine has been supplied but in penny packets and as an example at POLI alone the consumption is estimated at 1 1/2 quintals per week. There are disadvantages to the chlorine solution which has been offered as it is contained in cylinders which have to be returned and for some technical reason it is not such a simple process as the use of compound.

Reference para 10 of Executive Commissioner's Notes on Tour of MILIA Region dated 28 May 1945, Major Jordan's notes therein referred to are repeated below.

1. Public Safety. 400 CO. RR reinforcements are scheduled for the Region, 200 of which have now arrived, but nearly all are badly clothed and shod. For example, of 100 allotted to POLI City it is doubtful if more than 50 can be made fit for duty as the remainder are without boots. There is also a shortage of arms and ammunition. An endeavour was made to obtain weapons from those handed in by the patriots but out of 5 truck-loads only 6 suitable weapons were retrieved, the majority being

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Reference para 10 of Executive Commissioner's Notes on Tour of Emilia Region dated 23 May 1945, Major Norden's notes therein referred to are repeated below.

1. Public Safety. 400 CC.RR reinforcements are scheduled for the Region, 200 of which have now arrived, but nearly all are badly clothed and shod. For example, of 100 allotted to BOLOGNA City it is doubtful if more than 50 can be made fit for duty as the remainder are without boots. There is also a shortage of arms and ammunition. An endeavour was made to obtain weapons from those handed in by the patriots but out of 3 truck-loads only 6 suitable weapons were retrieved, the majority being German rifles and other rather heavy weapons. I understood that all CC.RR reinforcements sent North were to have been properly equipped in all respects.

2. There is the problem of the "recapitati". These are the CC.RR who drifted Northwards, some hundreds of which are now returning. Not only do they need reclothing but it is thought that they are no longer suitable for duty in the North as (a) many of them have been working with the patriots and (b) some are at an equal disadvantage because they have not joined the ranks of the patriots. It is suggested that these should be exchanged with CC.RR from the South.

25/5/45
Chief Staff Officer,
To Executive Commissioner.

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From: AMO EMILIA REGION
To: HQ ALCOM SITE ACPBH

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MAY 22 1945

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Reference your 7564 of 16th May subject Medical Supplies.
Emergency medical supplies had not been distributed to all Provinces at the time of our report to TALBOT. This has now been effected. Medical supplies are still short in that FORLI and RAVENNA are not receiving what they have already requisitioned from ENDINIA. In view of slowness of ENDINIA operations request 6 tons of emergency medical supplies to be consigned RHO EMILIA for sale or free distribution in case of emergency. No further supplies available 5 or 8 ARMY.

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22 MAY 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMMISSION
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AG/3012/3/PH

7 March 1945

SUBJECT: - Situation with regard to Medicines.

TO : - Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.

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I think the account of the interview which was given to a
press representative of the "Corriere del Mattino" by Prof. Murro,
Medico Provinciale of Florence will be of interest to you and a trans-
lation of same is attached. This Medico Provinciale has, to my mind,
taken a very sound view of the situation with regard to medical supplies.

G. S. P. P. P.
G. S. P. P. P., Brigadier,
Director,
Public Health Sub-Commission.

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TRANSLATION

("Corriere del Mattino" Florence, 4 Feb 45)

THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO MEDICINES
as it appears from an interview with
Prof. Burno

Coming distribution of products supplied by the Allies. All confiscated goods will be handed over to hospitals and the people at minimum prices.

The repeated hoarding of drugs and abusive increase in prices on which the press has recently commented several times, encouraged us to ask the medico provinciale, Prof. Burno, if he would make a statement with regard to the situation of pharmaceutical products in our city and the measures that have been taken.

-What can you tell us about the present deficiency of medicines?

-With the whole of Northern Italy in the hands of the Germans it is easy to understand the deficiency in drugs. Florence was the last city that could get its supplies from the North. The freezing of all drugs by the Allies and the strict control ordered by us on all requests for export could not prevent a considerable outflow of goods, partly because it was after all necessary to supply so many hospitals in Southern Italy, and partly because of the increasing activity of speculators against whom all possible repressive measures have been taken.

-What can you tell us about the scarcity of drugs for curing diseases caused by lack of food?

-There is no doubt that vitamins are very important at a time when food is scarce, as it is now, but one must not exaggerate their importance and this for several reasons: In the first place I do not think that food can be replaced by vitamins. These do have a specific nutritive value of great scientific and practical interest, but they must remain in the field of pure pharmaceutical appliances. Vitamins must be used to cure those diseases which result from the lack of certain foodstuffs and which the "clinic" has gradually found out and used as a substitute at a given stage of special morbid forms, particularly of communicable diseases.

Then, as it is not possible to obtain the amount of vitamins which the public asks for, it is wiser to calm down this excessive enthusiasm for these products. This applies particularly to doctors who must not lightly proclaim the absolute necessity of vitamins. Vitamins at present are very short and if they were to be used as they should, in certain cases, they must be given in large quantities. The Allies will distribute many, but they cannot suffice for all those who want them.

-When and in what way will Allied drugs be distributed?

-The Allies have imported, particularly from America, large quantities of drugs, of which the first distribution was made in the month of November 21, 44.

A second distribution will be made in the first days of February. The Italian Government has set up an agency for the distribution of Allied medical supplies. Through the wholesalers they will be distributed to the pharmacies and so to the public. The first to be supplied will be the hospitals which have the largest number of patients and which do not squander their drugs.

-By what means is the sale of drugs controlled?

-I have tried to control the distribution in the best way possible. However at times drugs are wasted. For instance, liver extracts instead of being used for the cure of pernicious anemia, are often prescribed for any kind of anemia. Prices of drugs are severely controlled. For drugs imported by the Allies there will soon be a price-list available which the public will be able to consult.

The public already knows of some of the successful measures taken against illegal hoarding and speculators. We know there are other hiding places where drugs of all kinds are kept for sale on the black market. The confiscated goods are handed over to me by the Attorney of the Crown, and they will be sold at low prices to the hospitals and to the public both of which will benefit by this action.

-Could the Medico Provinciale ask the physicians to prescribe medicines that can be prepared in the chemists' shops instead of prescribing "specialties"?

-I have already asked doctors to do this. Many "specialties" are only patented synthetic substances, to which new names are given. Their production requires big plants and specialized labour. However the basic problem is always that of the lack of raw materials which the chemists must procure at prices so high that the preparation made in the pharmacy is also expensive.

The Allies have brought many useful things and we hope they will continue to do so even in larger quantities in the future but we cannot pretend that they should think only of us. All Europe awaits everything from America and Britain: foodstuffs, drugs, raw materials and machinery. These big nations have created the miracle of a grandiose organization thanks to which they supply everybody, overcoming distances and every interference and coming to the rescue of the vanquished people who were their enemies, a unique fact in history.

(Transl: S. Milano.)

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Ref: AC/3072/2/M.

14- February 1945.

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

For the past two months this Commission has not been satisfied with the distribution of medical supplies brought into Italy by the Allies.

As you know from the October 1944 distribution of these supplies has been handled by an Italian Government sponsored organisation, R.M.I.M.A., working in close collaboration with the Public Health Department of the Ministry of the Interior. There has been a failure to effect rapid and proper distribution, notably in Rome and Pescara, which has been pointed out to H.S. Dr. C. Colimena, Director of the Public Health Department, on several occasions during the past month, but the machinery still appears to be working extremely slowly.

I should be grateful, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, if you would ensure a better and more rapid distribution of these urgently needed supplies in the future. The Allies are not prepared to continue the import of medical supplies except on the assurance that they will be rapidly and effectively distributed amongst users in accordance with the agreed priority.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Henry W. Stone

HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, U.S.N.
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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FIVE ARMY FOR AND IPTD TOSCANA REGION DIA ALCON MEDICAL DEPOT FLORENCE

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PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS FAILURE OF ENDEMA TO DISTRIBUTE MEDICAL SUPPLIES IN
TOSCANA PD UNDERSTAND PRINCIPLE CAUSE OF FAILURE IS INABILITY OF PROVINCES TO
PAY IN ADVANCE BURE FOR SUPPLIES PD

ORDER TO FIVE ARMY FOR AND IPTD TOSCANA REGION DIA ALCON MEDICAL DEPOT FLORENCE
FROM DIA ALCON FLORENCE

PARA TWO PD YOU WILL ORDER OFFICIALS OF ENDEMA TO DISTRIBUTE TO PROVINCES IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED BREAKDOWN TO PROVINCES SENT TO ALCON FLORENCE
MEDICAL DEPOT ON ONE THREE JANUARY WITHOUT REQUIRING IMMEDIATE PAYMENT PD
PARA THREE PD SOLIDEMIA DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PUBLIC HEALTHS MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
CONCURRE IN THIS ORDER TO ENDEMA PD

PARA FOUR PD REFUSAL BY ENDEMA OFFICIALS TO COMPLY SHOULD BE TREATED AS A FAILURE
TO OBEY AN ORDER OF AMI AND PUNISHED UNDER PROCLAMATION PD

PARA FIVE PD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT REQUEST REPORT FROM THEIR REPRESENTATIVE SENT
INVESTIGATE POSITION ON ONE THREE JANUARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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NICHOLAS FIOBBINO
C/O. DIA
Asst Adjutant

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Rome, 22 January 1945

JAN 24 1945

Dear Admiral,

I received your letter of January 18th
AO/3072/9/PH and I thank you very much for what you
so kindly pointed out about the impossibility of
granting the request made in favour of Prof. Stoppo-
oni.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Truly yours,

e. Lucifero

(Minister of the Royal
Household)

Admiral Hilary W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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Ref. CC 806

18 January 1945

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My dear Mr. Goshie:

As requested enclosed herewith are seven copies of a paper prepared by the Public Health Sub Commission of this Headquarters on the medical supply situation in liberated Italy.

This paper is for presentation at your meeting tomorrow, 19 January 1945, by Brigadier G. S. Parkinson.

Yours very truly,

J. A. Quayle

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

Hq A.C.C. Office of C.C.
DISPATCHED
Date-Time <i>18 Jan 1945</i>
Via <i>A.C. Special Messenger</i>
Initials <i>J.A.Q.</i>

Mr. John L. Goshie
Secretary to the Advisory Council for Italy
119 Via Vittorio Veneto
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*cc: Col S ✓
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18 January 1945

JAN 18 1945

Dear Marchese Lucifero:

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I very much regret that it is impossible to obtain release of Penicillin from Army sources for cases of civilian illness. The only stocks of Penicillin held in this Theater are in possession of the military and are scarcely sufficient for the treatment of casualties.

In consequence, the Director of Medical Services, AFHQ, has issued an order to the effect that, while he regrets to make this decision, he cannot authorize any supply of Penicillin to be made available for civilian use.

I am sorry to say, therefore, that there is nothing further I can do to assist in this matter.

Very truly yours,

W. Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

His Excellency Marchese F. Lucifero,
Minister of the Royal Household,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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Ext: 388.

Ref: 3402/48/COS

15 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Report of Medical Supply Situation in Liberated Italy.

TO : DCS, Civil Affairs Section. *32*

Reference your 17/1/CA of 14 January I am directed by the Chief of Staff to say that the memorandum prepared by the Director of the Public Health Sub-Commission is approved.

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Chief Staff Officer,
To the Chief of Staff.

Copy to: SO to OS.

*see Folio 3618
BU for 17/1/45
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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM 32

SUBJECT: Report of Medical Supply
Situation in Liberated Italy.
TO : Staff Officer to the
Chief Commissioner.

FILE No. 17/1/CA

14th January 1945.

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Reference your CC/806 dated 10th January, herewith statement in the form of a letter prepared by the Director of the Public Health Sub-Commission.

If the Chief Commissioner approves the substance it will be retyped in the form of a statement, in double spacing.

Encl.

G. R. Upjohn

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.
VP CA Section.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Health Sub-Commission

AC/3072/PH

13 January 1945

SUBJECT: - Report on Medical Supply Situation
in Liberated Italy.

THRU : - VP, CA Section.

TO : - Chief Commissioner,
Hq, Allied Commission.

1. From the beginning of Allied Military Government activities in Italy, up to 1 January 1945, there have been imported into Italy approximately 3500 long tons of medical supplies, having an approximate value of 6,000,000 dollars. Practically all of these medical supplies were of United States origin, the bulk of them having been shipped to this theater direct from the United States. A small portion was shipped from U.S. Medical Supply depots within this theater. A negligible amount was of British origin being principally supplies which were furnished direct from British Medical depots to AMG installations in emergency.
2. It must be remembered that the amounts of medical supplies furnished to Italy by the Combined Chiefs of Staff, is only that amount of supplies that will save life and prevent the spread of disease to Allied troops. For Italy this represents five-thirteenths of the estimated requirements as computed on the status of medical practice in Italy and the numbers of hospital beds. The kinds of supplies allowed, and the quantity are limited by this policy, and it is not possible to fill all requests made by the Italian civilian population. Penicillin is one example of an excellent drug which is not available to Italian civilians because of its short supply to the Allied troops. Medical supplies are therefore furnished on an emergency basis, and first priority is given to the AMG Army areas; second to the hospitals, clinics, and ambulatories; third to doctors; and lastly to pharmacies for general sale to the public. The Italian system of requiring a doctors prescription for practically all drugs is not generally known by Allied personnel. Pharmacies are more completely controlled by Italian law than is the case in the U.S or U.K., and all Allied drugs require a doctor's prescription. This has been done to prevent a "black market" of Allied drugs.
3. Up to 1 November 1944 the system of distribution of medical supplies in liberated Italy was as follows:
 - a. A Central Medical Depot, ACC was established in Naples, with branches located wherever necessity demanded. At one time there was a branch at Bari, later in Rome, and now in Florence. Supplies from the United States were received in this Central Depot, and were distributed to the various Regions. All accounting was done at this Central Depot, which operated under the direct control of the Medical Supply Branch, Public Health Sub-Commission.
 - b. Italy was divided into Regions for administrative purposes and in each of these Regions there was a Regional Public Health Officer who was responsible for the distribution of medical supplies within his Region.

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Each of these Regional Public Health Officers obtained the monthly requirements for the several provinces within his Region, he consolidated these requirements into a monthly requisition, this was forwarded to the Public Health Sub-Commission, HQ, ACC, where it was screened against the allowances for the Region, based on population, and on the allowances as prescribed by higher authority. This requisition was then sent to the Central Depot, or to the proper branch of this Depot, and the supplies were shipped to the Regional warehouse which was either operated by the Regional Public Health Officer or by a wholesale drug firm, under his supervision. The Medico Provinciale of each province, working under the Prefect of the province, was held responsible by the Regional Public Health Officer for the final distribution of medical supplies in the province. This system required a Regional Public Health Officer in each Region, and further required additional personnel to assist in the supervision of distribution. As more and more Regions were liberated, it was soon found that there was not sufficient personnel to accomplish this mission, and more and more reliance was placed in the use of civilian wholesale drug firms, who operated under the supervision of the Medico Provinciale of the provinces. Under this system the medical supplies were paid for by the Medico Provinciale or by the wholesale drug firm, upon delivery from the Regional warehouse, by depositing the money value of the supplies in the AMFA account to the credit of Public Health Sub-Commission.

c. In the Army areas, each AMG Army has its own medical supply officer who operates his own medical depot, under the direction of the Senior Public Health Officer of the AMG Army, who is responsible for medical supplies in his area. The requests for medical supplies for these areas are forwarded to the Public Health Sub-Commission, as for the Regions, and the supplies are shipped to the AMG Army Medical Depot. The accounting for these supplies is carried as a "free issue" in that no deposits are made to AMFA accounts, since in Army areas there is found usually no organized Italian Government to take care of this financial obligation. Collections for these supplies is made by the Finance Sub-Commission by debiting the value of supplies shipped to these AMG Army areas to the Italian Government. This same system of supply continues to be used for each of the two Army AMGs, and will continue to be used until the Armies release all of Italian territory to the control of the Italian Government. In the AMG Army areas, the Senior Public Health Officer has attached to his staff American Red Cross personnel who supervise the final distribution of medical supplies, and who ascertain the requirements of the hospitals in the area. It is the opinion of ~~this office~~ ^{the office} that in the Army areas because the requirements and the follow-up are done by personnel working directly under the military that the system of distribution is adequate and that no black market activities of Allied furnished supplies occurs.

d. Medical supplies for Refugees and Displaced Persons Camps are drawn from the Central Medical Depot, on requisitions approved by Public Health Sub-Commission each month. These supplies are shipped to a central point and the final distribution is the responsibility of the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission. These supplies are shipped on an issue voucher, with the final payment being made by the Italian Government, in that no deposits are made by the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission. No change is to be made in this system of supply, so long as the Allied Commission is responsible for the supply of these camps.

4. The last distribution of medical supplies to the several Regions on the system enumerated in paragraph 3 above was made in October, and was for the month of November. Starting 1 November 1944, the responsibility of medical supply distribution in Liberated Italy, not including AMG Army areas, was passed to the Italian Government. The Italian Government, with the assistance of the Public Health Sub-Commission, had organized an Italian corporation, known as ENDIMEA (Ente Nazionale Distribuzione Medicinale Degli Alleati).

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This organization as initially organized, was composed of three Italian wholesale drug firms, that had been handling Allied supplies under the Regional system, and had been found to be quite efficient in the areas where they operated. This Corporation is responsible to the Italian Government, for distribution of required medical supplies from the Central Medical Depot, to the Provinces. Deliveries are made to wholesale druggists in the provinces as indicated by the Sanita' Pubblica. The Sanita' Pubblica obtains the requirements from the several provinces of Liberated Italy, from the Medico Provinciale, and passes these to the Public Health Sub-Commission who checks each request to see that the amounts are within the allowance for the province as determined by the population of the province and the rules of higher authority. The approved requisition is then filled by the Central Medical Depot and turned over to ENDIMEA for the distribution as indicated by the Sanita' Pubblica. ENDIMEA obtains through the Prefects of the several provinces payment for the supplies delivered, from the wholesale druggists who are to distribute these supplies, and deposits this money in the Bank of Labor. The Public Health Sub-Commission no longer makes any collections but furnishes the Italian Government with a copy of all issue vouchers to ENDIMEA, with a copy to the Finance Sub-Commission. These accounts are now kept by the Finance Sub-Commission as either dollar or pound accounts, not Lire accounts as formerly. Public Health Officers of the Public Health Sub-Commission working in the Regions are giving ENDIMEA every possible assistance in their distribution work, as is the Medical Supply Branch, Public Health Sub-Commission. This assistance consists of helping this agency find transportation, tires, gasoline and obtaining required passes so that their personnel may travel from province to province to supervise their work. With the acute shortage of cars and tires, this has been a major problem. This office has also arranged for both train and boat transport for medical supplies in order to accelerate distribution.

5. The Italian Government is wholly responsible for the final distribution of imported medical supplies, and has delegated this responsibility down to the prefects of provinces with the Medico Provinciale of the province. A standard system of in and out bookkeeping is kept by each wholesale distributor and by each pharmacy, and this is checked by an inspection service of the Sanita' Pubblica. In the past month instances of irregularities have been found, and persons properly punished. Insulin is handled as a doctor's prescription item, and its sale is absolutely controlled, so that only a diabetic patient who can produce a doctor's prescription may purchase this item. The same is true of all narcotic drugs. The only action that the Public Health Sub-Commission can take to ensure equitable distribution, is first to check requests to see that each province obtains what is allowed that province, and second by occasional inspections by our limited field personnel to see that hospitals and clinics have supplies, and that the wholesalers are furnishing all items possible to the pharmacies.

6. In an effort to send more supplies to the provinces, with the hope that the pharmacies may receive adequate supplies, this office is now insisting that each province obtain during this month, two months supplies. This action is considered advisable since there has been practically a month's delay in the effective distribution of medical supplies by the Italian Government. In spite of this delay, this office has had no report of shortages in hospitals and clinics. It is the opinion of this office that this new system of distribution will be working satisfactorily in another two weeks, and that it will continue to function effectively if political activities are not infiltrated into this organization.

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7. Effective as of 6 January 1945, the 2665th Central Civilian Medical Depot (Ovhd) took over the activities of the Central Medical Depot, AC, which relieved the Allied Commission of the responsibility of storage, and shipment of supplies in Italy. This office is still responsible for estimating the six months' advance requirements of the civilian population of Italy, for the screening of all requests from the Italian Government, and acts in an advisory capacity to EMDIMEA and the Italian Government in the distribution of Allied supplies, and renders such assistance in obtaining required transport for these medical supplies. There is now in the CCMD sufficient stocks to handle all Liberated Italy through the month of March. Supplies for the period 1 July to 31 December 1945 were requisitioned in September, and should have started arriving this month, but to date cables indicate this requisition has not received final approval and allocation by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. Plans have been made for the orderly distribution in the northern provinces of Italy when liberated. Transport difficulties continue to be the major problem in distribution.

8. In addition to imported Allied supplies, there has been found a fair amount of Italian and other supplies, with a small amount of medical supplies being manufactured in Italy. Biological products are being manufactured on a modest scale, and the distribution of these Italian made products is the complete responsibility of the Italian Government. Prices for all medical supplies have been established by Government decree, and persons found dealing in "black market" activities are properly prosecuted.

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

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Rome, 11 January 1945

Dear Admiral,

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I take the liberty of adding a few words to draw your kind attention on the request of Dr. Jandolo

As you will see, it is an urgent request made to save a life: I hope you will excuse me if I am once more abusing of your courtesy.

I remain, my dear admiral,

Truly yours,

S. Lucifero

Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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Translation

Rome, 10/1/945

Dear Admiral,

One of the best surgeons in Rome, Prof. Aurelio Stoppoloni, living in Piazza Mincio, 2, has been suffering for about a month from an 'abscess of the left lung'. 25

He is very ill and in absolute need of a treatment of 'penicillina', as can be seen from the enclosed certificate by Prof. Frugoni, Director of the Clinica Medica of the R. University.

As there is a very great shortage of the said medicine, also by the Allied Armies, I shouldn't take the liberty of making this request for my friend if he hadn't some particular merits in the eyes of the Allies:

In November 1943, while Rome was occupied by the nazis, Prof. Stoppoloni was called by me to operate Sergeant Major Ralph Byrne, of South Africa, escaped prisoner of war who lived in hiding with the Narbona family (Via Guattani, 18 - Tel. 86.5105).

For many days, not caring about the danger of being found out by the nazi-fascists, Prof. Stoppoloni and I cured disinterestedly the Allied soldier, till he was quite well again, prompted by feelings of Christian charity and of sympathy for the Allies.

Now that Prof. Stoppoloni's life is endangered, I hope that moved by the same feelings, you will let him have the quantity of 'penicillina' which is required to save his life (10 phials of 100000 u.)

You would thus be doing once more one of these acts of kindness and justice which have endeared you to all Italians

I remain, Your

Yours truly,

s. Dr. Costantino Landolo

Rome, Via C.B. DE ROSSI, 20
tel 8629797

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Translation

Istituto di Clinica Medica Generale
e Terapia Medica
The Director

Rome, 10/1/49

I certify that Prof. Aurelio Stoppoloni, aged 49, living in Rome, Piazza Mincio, 2, has been suffering for a month from an 'abscess to the left lung'.

His state is serious in itself and rendered more so because he is also suffering from chronic 'epato-colecistite', and can take neither 'arsenobenzols' nor, 'sulfamidici'.

I consider that a treatment by penicillina only can bring recovery to the patient.

THE DIRECTOR.
(Prof. Cesare Frugoni)

s. Frugoni

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Extract of Minutes of Chief of Staff's Meeting - 3 January.

JAN 10 1945

Formation of CCMD. DCOB CA Sec reported that the CCMD had now been constituted by MTOUSA as the 265th Central Civilian Medical Depot. This organization under MTOUSA would be responsible for the procurement and warehousing in Italy of all medical supplies. At present they had three warehouses at Naples, Bari and Florence respectively; probably a fourth would be necessary when the North of Italy was liberated. This organization was responsible also for all accounting and for the distribution of supplies according to the requirements of the Italian Government, and also for the distribution in 5 and 8 Army areas, which still remained the responsibility of Army AGOs. It followed that it was no longer necessary to maintain at AC HQ any Medical Supply Branch as no functions remained to be performed by it. Accordingly any question of a transfer of this Branch to the Ecom Sec also ceased and DCOB asked Ecom Sec to note that the meeting he had fixed to discuss this matter on Friday next be treated as cancelled. Public Health Sub-Commission would retain one officer at AC HQ as a "trouble shooter" to advise and supervise in respect of the activities of EMBDEA, the distributing agency which the Italian Government had set up, and to perform the same function in respect of 5 and 8 Army AGOs. All the remaining Medical Supply Branch personnel were being transferred to the 265 CCMD.

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10 January 1945

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My dear Mr. Goshie:

I am instructed by the Chief Commissioner to thank you for your letter of January 8th and to tell you that the Public Health Subcommittee is being instructed to prepare the report you asked for, for presentation at the next meeting of the Council on January 19th.

Yours very truly,

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

Mr. John L. Goshie
Secretary to the Advisory Council for Italy
119 Via Vittorio Veneto
Rome

cc: C of S
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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CC 806

10 January 1945

JAN 10 1945

Subject: Report on Medical Supply Situation in Liberated Italy

To: Brigadier Parkinson, Public Health Subcommittee
(through: Chief of Staff and DCOS, CA Section)

1. The Chief Commissioner has been asked by the Advisory Council for Italy to arrange for the presentation of a report at the next meeting of the Council on January 19 on the medical supply situation in Liberated Italy, indicating total amount and origin of supplies shipped, system of distribution of these supplies, accounting procedure, and safeguards adopted by both the Allied Commission and Italian authorities to assure the distribution of these supplies to the public through legitimate channels.

2. I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to ask you to prepare a suitable report covering the points raised, which should take 10 to 15 minutes to read, no longer. The draft of this report is required for the Chief Commissioner's approval, and should reach this Office by Monday, 15 January. Seven copies of the approved report will be required by the Secretariat of the Advisory Council not later than Thursday, 18 January.

J. A. QUAYE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

cc: C of S
DCOS, CA Section
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 608

Ref. 3072/43/PH.

3rd January, 1945.
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SUBJECT: CCMD.

TO : Public Health Sub-Commission.

1. Herewith draft of a Minute prepared by Brigadier Upjohn embodying a statement made by him at the Chief of Staff's meeting this morning.
2. Will you please consider it and if you agree that it is accurate initial same and return as soon as possible. Brigadier Upjohn would like Col. Griffin's concurrence.

R.R. Cripps
R.R. CRIPPS, Col.
CSO CA Section.

To: COS Off (after 1700 Shipp)

Encl.

Attached Shipp minute for today's meeting.

By Paterson & Col Griffin have seen & answer to its contents.

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R.R. Cripps
see Minute 18
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Formation of CCMD: DCOS CA Section reported that the CCMD had now been constituted by MTOUSA as the 2665th Central Civilian Medical Depot. This organisation under MTOUSA would be responsible for the procurement and warehousing in Italy of all medical supplies. At present they had three warehouses at Naples, Bari and Florence respectively: probably a fourth would be necessary when the North of Italy was liberated. This organisation was responsible also for all accounting and for the distribution of supplies according to the requirements of the Italian Government, and also for the distribution in Fifth and Eighth Army areas which still remained the responsibility of Army AMGs. It followed that it was no longer necessary to maintain at A.C. Headquarters any Medical Supply Branch as no functions remained to be performed by it. Accordingly any question of a transfer of this Branch to the Economic Section also ceased and DCOS asked Econ. Section to note that the meeting he had fixed to discuss this matter on Friday next be treated as cancelled.

Public Health Sub-Commission would retain one officer at A.C. Headquarters as a "trouble shooter" to advise and supervise in respect of the activities of INDIMEA, the distributing agency which the Italian Government had set up, and to perform the same function in respect of Fifth and Eighth Army AMGs. All the remaining Medical Supply Branch personnel were being transferred to the 2665 CCMD.

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Tel: 478008

Ref. 3072/43/PH

10th December, 1944.

SUBJECT: Central Civilian Medical Depot.

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TO : AFHQ, G-5 Section.

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1. Reference your M-4 dated 28th November, 1944, the arrangements with regard to the CCMD are noted and the position as to the functions of the CCMD is agreed.
2. In connection with para 4 it is pointed out that the position with regard to finding the personnel is accepted. It is, however, considered regrettable that it is found necessary to reduce the overhead TO of the 2675 Regiment by 5 officers and 10 EM in order to find the necessary personnel.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. V. Lusk
Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMMISSION
APO 354

28 November 1944

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Dear Mr. Byron Taylor,

As I know how interested you are in helping the Italian people in obtaining relief of all kinds, I have had some notes prepared for me by Col. Griffin who is in charge of the Medical Supply Branch, to show how it is proposed that the new S.A.I.M.A. should work.

I know there has been a certain amount of criticism regarding the shortage of drugs in certain areas and while no organization is perfect, I do not think that the Public Health Sub-Commission has altogether failed in a very difficult task, having handled more than 3000 long tons of medical supplies valued at five million dollars. Lack of transport has made distribution difficult and while drugs have been available at provincial headquarters, the consequent flow to distant centers has often been interrupted for the reason stated.

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As I think it will interest you, I am enclosing a copy of the instructions which have been sent out from the Ministry of the Interior to the Prefects of the provinces of liberated Italy and to the High Commissioners of Sicily and Sardinia regarding the distribution of medical supplies by S.A.I.M.A. (Servizio Nazionale Distribuzione Medicinale Alieati), which is sponsored by the Italian Government. This agency is composed of members of the wholesale drug organizations of Italy, members of the Ministry of the Interior and Ministry of the Treasury. This body took over the duties formerly performed by the Medical Supply Branch of this Sub-Commission on November 1, 1944. They receive their supplies from our warehouses in Naples and Florence and are now responsible for supplying the provinces except those in the Army area. In these forward areas, medical supplies are under the control of medical officers assigned to A.M.G. in each Army area and this arrangement continues until such time as the provinces come under the control of the Italian Government.

In any new undertaking of this nature there may be defects at the beginning but it is felt that those who are responsible for the work in hand are competent and well trained men who have the future of Italy and the maintenance of the health of the people at heart. It should be mentioned that all work is carried out on a non-profit basis.

In Sicily and Sardinia, because of their more or less isolated position it will not be possible for S.A.I.M.A. to operate there for possibly another two months. It is felt that it is better to perfect this new system of handling medical supplies in

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the mainland before introducing it into the islands and in the meantime this is carried out under the High Commissioner in each case and from past reports this has proved satisfactory.

Two letters have recently been received from the Pont. Commissione Assistenza Profughi, signed by Mons. Carroll-Abbey which show that the instructions issued from the Ministry of the Interior regarding the distribution of medicinals have not had a sufficiently wide circulation or that instructions have not been carried out regarding the functioning of E.M.D.I.H.E.A. These letters have been answered and I have attached a copy of the reply.

I shall always be glad if you will let me know if you hear of other cases where this new system of medical supply distribution is at fault or when the Italian Government fails to take prompt action. If we have this information we can always get into touch with the Ministry of the Interior to ensure that any defects found are remedied.

As I have already pointed out, the shortage of transport makes the movement of both medical supplies and of food to isolated parts of the provinces most difficult.

The main function of this Sub-Commission is to try to maintain a normal flow of medical supplies of the type considered as essential by the Civil Affairs Division, War Department, and it is quite impossible to cater for the special needs of individual doctors who from time to time make use of medicaments not considered essential by higher authority.

Kind I add that like yourself, all the members of this Sub-Commission are anxious to render to the Italian Government and to the Italian people every possible assistance especially in the distressed areas.

Yours very sincerely,

W. H. Parkinson

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Mr. Wymon C. Taylor,
The Personal Representative of the President
of the United States to His Holiness the Pope,
Via Boncompagni 2,
Rome.

Copy to: The Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission. (Thru Chief of Staff)
Via, CA Section, HQ, AC.

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
Public Health Gen. Department

N. 20400.5.AG.17/0126

10 November 1944

TO THE PREFECTS OF: Avellino - Brindisi - Cagliari -
Campobasso - Chieti - Benevento - Bari - Catanzaro -
Cosenza - Foggia - L'Aquila - Frosinone - Lecce -
Littoria - Matera - Napoli - Pescara - Nuoro - Po-
tenza - Reggio Calabria - Roma - Salerno - Rieti -
Sassari - Taranto - Teramo - Viterbo.

TO SANITARY PROVINCIAL OFFICES OF: Agrigento - Calta-
nissetta - Catania - Enna - Messina - Palermo -
Ragusa - Siracusa - Trapani.

and for information:

TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR SARDINIA - Cagliari
TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR SICILIA - Palermo
TO BRIGADIER G. S. PARKINSON - Director
of Public Health Sub-Commission, A.C. Rome.

SUBJECT: - Distribution of Medicines supplies by the Allies.

In addition to the dispositions given until now on the distribu-
tion of medicines supplies by the Allies, we inform you of what follows:

DISTRIBUTION:

According to the agreements with the AC the distribution of
the a/m medicines to the various provinces will take place from now on by
single items and not by units as before.

From the 1st of October a new Office called "ENDIMEA" (Ente
Nazionale Distribuzione Medicinali Alleati) is taking care of the distribu-
tion.

From the 1st of January 1945, assignments will be made according
to requests. The Provincial Public Health Offices will have to send 2303
request every 3 months. Once they have sent a list of what they need for the
first 3 months they only have to inform us if they want changes in it.

According to the requests of the first 3 months and to the quantity
of available products our Direction will fix the assignments and notify them
to the ENDIMEA which will provide to the delivery.

The payment of the medicines must be made in advance within 5 days
of the date of the note sent out by ENDIMEA. Otherwise the products will be
assigned to others.

As soon as the payment is cashed, the delivery will be made.
For the time being the Provincial Public Health Offices will be
in charge of the distribution.

The distribution to drug stores, hospitals and first-aid places
will take place according to the instructions given in Circular No.5/1304 dated
27.3.44.

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It is necessary that:

- 1) What is needed by the various drugstores be agreed upon by the Provincial Public Health Offices.
- 2) Requests made by Hospitals, Sanatoria, first-aid places be agreed upon by the Provincial Doctor.
- 3) Requests of surgical instruments and of confinement bags be agreed upon by the local doctor and midwife.
- 4) Requests of trousseaus for new-born children be agreed upon by the Provincial Committee "ONMI".

The Provincial Veterinarian will have to send another list of the medicines needed for veterinary use.

SALE

Once the assignments have been delivered the Provincial Public Health Offices will have to give them out to those who have a right to get them and take care that nothing is taken and sold underhand.

The sale of insuline has to be particularly controlled. Said medicine has to be sold only if a medical prescription is presented.

PAYMENT

As we already said the payment must be made in advance through the Banks pointed out by the ENDINEA.

The sale price to the population will be determined as follows:

For the price of	L. 100
1) Rise for distribution service	16
2) Rise for provincial wholesalers	15
3) Rise for drugstores	35
Price of sale to population	L. 166

The price of the medicines will be published in newspapers, so that the population will be acquainted with them.

The prefects of the various provinces will have to give their support to the ENDINEA for the fulfillment of its task.

FOR THE MINISTER
(signed)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Health Sub-Commission

PH/MFG/ja
27 November 1944

AC/3072/52/PH

Pont. Commissione Assistenza Profughi,
Borgo S. Spirito #3A
Rome.

Mgr. Giovanni Patrizio Carroll-Abbing.

This office acknowledges receipt of your letters N 1599 and N 1595. These two letters have been referred to the Italian Government, Ministry of Interior, Public Health for necessary action.

For your information there is attached hereto a copy of a recent letter sent out by the Ministry of Interior which should be helpful to your office in future medical supply problems.

This office now furnishes bulk supplies to the Italian Government as represented by ENDIMEA and does not handle final distribution except in the forward or AMI areas where the Armies are still in control.

Messina has been under Italian control for several months and the Archbishop should have called upon the Medico Provinciale of Sicily if he had trouble in the Province of Messina. For Pesaro, the Medico Provinciale of Pesaro should be contacted first with reference to Ministry of Interior, Public Health if that approach failed.

This office will be most willing to assist in any problems regarding medical supplies but we do not wish to interfere with the Italian Government operations except when action by this office might help expedite the supply.

We will appreciate any information at any time which would indicate a failure of proper distribution of medical supplies and will at all times give every possible assistance to your office.

For Brigadier G. S. PARKINSON:

M. E. GRIFFIN, Colonel, U.S.
Chief, Medical Supply Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
C.M.F.
Civil Affairs Section.

Ref:- AGC/3072/43/TH

29 Oct '44

TO:- AFHQ G-5 Section,
APO 512 U.S. Army.

30 OCT Recd

SUBJECT:- Central Civilian Medical Depot.

1. Reference telephone conversation Brig. Spofford-Brig. Upjohn speaking on 28 Oct '44.
2. It is confirmed that letter dated 15 Oct '44 under reference AGC/3072/TH and signed by Col. M.E. Griffin, M.C. is cancelled.

R. R. Upjohn

G. R. UNJOHN. Brig.
VP CA SEC.
D.C.O.S.
(Signed while absent on duty).

MRG/ymb

COPY TO Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
GMP
Public Health Sub-Commission

ACC/3072/43/PH

29 October 1944

SUBJECT: Central Civilian Medical Depot.

TO : VP, Civil Affairs Section, Hq ACC.

Reference ACC/3072/43/PH dated 29 October 1944.

1. Contents of letter your office subject same as above dated 29 October 1944 has been noted by the undersigned and para 3 will be complied with.

2. The letter in question, ACC/3072/43/PH dated 15 October 1944, was signed by the undersigned in error, however it was not intended to raise points of policy. This letter was written by the undersigned as the senior officer present in the Sub-Commission on the date in question, the Director having departed on a prolonged trip.

3. The letter in question was intended to present to G-5, AFHQ, the problems which would arise if this Central Civilian Medical Depot were established. It was not intended in any manner to represent the views of the Civil Affairs Section nor those of Headquarters, ACC, but merely to present problems which would require consideration should a decision be made to establish such a depot.

4. This letter did not offer a defence or opposition to such a depot, and the undersigned regrets having sent such a letter since there has been an apparent misunderstanding as to the motive which prompted the sending of this letter. The cancellation of this letter by your office as of 28 October 1944, confirmed by letter of 29 October 1944 is noted.

PH/MRG/cjd.

M. E. GRIFFIN,
Colonel, M.C.,
Medical Supply Officer.

Copies to:- Brigadier M. S. LUSH, C.B.E., M.C.
Brigadier G. S. PARKINSON, D.S.O., M.R.C.P., L.R.C.P.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
C.M.F.
Civil Affairs Section

Ref:- AGO/3072/43/PH

29 Oct '44.

SUBJECT:- Central Civilian Medical Depot.

30 OCT Recd

TO:- Col. H.E. Griffin, Public Health Sub-commission.

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1. My attention has been drawn to a letter ref. AGO/3072/PH dated 15 Oct and addressed to AFHQ on the a/s subject and signed by you.
2. I would point out that this letter should not have been signed by you, and should have been referred to this Section for reasons which are two-fold:-
1 ? 1/1/44.
 - a) The policy contained in this letter is wholly inconsistent with the policy which was then being formulated by the Chief Commissioner and was set forth in a letter dated 16 Oct addressed to AFHQ and signed by the Chief Commissioner himself. (ref. AGO/3072/PH),
 - b) Your letter deals with matters of policy which are wholly outside the scope of your activities, such questions as transport and personnel.
3. I am directed by the Chief of Staff to say that you will not address any further letters on any matter to AFHQ without the prior approval of this Section. Your letter to AFHQ is being cancelled.

G. R. Lippman

G.R. LIPPMAN Brig.
VP CA Sec.
Dep. C.O.S

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Copy to:- Brigadier M.S. Lush, C.B.E., M.C.
Brigadier Parkinson. D.S.O., D.R.C.F., D.P.C.F.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Suspense

Date 17 Oct 44

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☒ Admin Section <i>CP Sec</i>		Director	
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Public Safety		Executive Officer (B)	
Public Health		G-1 (A)	
Property Control		G-1 (B)	
Legal		G-4 (A)	
Education		G-4 (B)	
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 Remarks/Recommendation _____
 Information ☒ _____
 Approval/Disposal _____
 Appropriate Action _____
 Investigation & Report _____
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REMARKS

*Letter from Capt. [unclear] submitted to you on 16 Oct
 for approval & signature of H.Q. File with you.
 Also kept one copy
 & one copy forwarded to [unclear] 20 Oct*

[Signature]

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

JEB/cm

Ref. M-3

15 October 1944

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SUBJECT: A/CC 321-6. 9 Oct. Central Civilian Medical Depot.

MEMO TO: Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.
(Attn: Col. Densmore)

1. In par 4 reference was made to proposed Central Medical Depot.
2. The creation of the Depot was a decision of AFHQ. It will save thousands of dollars in supplies, shipping and handling.
3. ACC's natural interest is in the effect the added duties, to be imposed on Col. Griffin, may have on his functions in his present capacity.
4. AFHQ has delayed sending its cable to C/CS at the request of ACC pending its comments. It is imperative that this Depot be organized at once to meet the anticipated needs of other areas in MTO. May we have your expression of opinion this week?

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

J.E. BUTTERWORTH
Colonel, Infantry
Economics & Supply Division.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED NORTH WESTERN
AFRO 394

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14 October 1944

SUBJECT: - Directive for establishment of
Central Civilian Medical Depot.

TO : - Allied Force Headquarters;
G-5 Section, AFHQ 512, U.S. Army.

1. I refer to your A.J. dated 5 October 1944 on the a/s subject matter.
2. It is regretted that the Commission has not been kept informed by you of the progress of events through the normal state channels. It is suggested that following on your signal of 23041 of 8 September it would have been better to have put your proposals before this Commission so that policy could have been considered at the proper level rather than to have proceeded immediately to discussions with the technical officer concerned.

3. The Commission does not concur with the issue of your proposed directive for the following reasons: -

- a. Owing to acute shortage of personnel the Commission is not in a position to undertake any work which does not relate entirely and strictly to the functions of the Commission in Italy.
- b. It is not considered that the work of the CCMI at Naples and the functions formerly performed by the Commission in the distribution of medical supplies in Italy can conveniently be carried on by one organization situated at Naples. The distribution of medical supplies particularly in the areas must of necessity be directed from this HQ in Rome and the Commission could not for operational reasons, split its medical supply branch to be established at Naples.

c. The work of the AFHQ and the work of distribution in Italy are essentially different. The former is concerned with the organization of supplies from outside Italy to Naples and the distribution to bases in various countries, e.g. Greece and Yugoslavia. The Commission is concerned with the distribution from the base in Naples to regions and provinces in Italy.

d. If, however, a CCMI is set up by you so that the work of the Commission starts by him on the warships at Naples, it will be possible to effect a reduction in personnel and to release to you such personnel, who are experienced in the problems of medical supplies to form a nucleus of the CCMI as a branch of AFHQ. It is recommended of course that such personnel would be released (except where personnel are on temporary duty with the Commission as indicated below) by non-exert personnel who would be available for work in other fields.

e. It is estimated that the number of personnel who could be released would be: -

3 officers of whom one is on temporary duty subject to recall by

2. It is regretted that the Commission has not been kept informed by you of the progress of events through the normal staff channels. It is suggested that following on your signal of 9th of 8 September it would have been better to have put your proposals before this Commission so that policy could have been considered at the proper level rather than to have proceeded immediately to discussions with the technical officer concerned.

3. The Commission does not concur with the issue of your proposed directive for the following reasons:-

a. Owing to acute shortage of personnel this Commission is not in a position to undertake any work which does not relate entirely and strictly to the functions of the Commission in Italy.

b. It is not considered that the work of the COM at Naples and the functions properly performed by the Commission in the distribution of medical supplies in Italy can conveniently be carried on by one organization situated at Naples. The distribution of medical supplies particularly in any areas west of Naples, the distribution of course that such personnel would be required (except where personnel are on temporary duty with the Commission as indicated below) by non-expert personnel who would be available for work in other fields.

c. The work of the COM and the work of distribution in Italy are essentially different. The former is concerned with the organization of supplies from outside Italy to Naples and its distribution to units in various countries, G.S. Greece and Yugoslavia. The Commission is concerned with the distribution from the base in Naples to regions and provinces in Italy.

d. If, however, a COM is set up by you to that the work of the Commission starts by him on the warehouse at Naples, it will be possible to effect a reduction in personnel and to reduce to you such personnel, who are as organized in the problems of medical supplies to form a nucleus of the COM as a branch of AFM; it being understood of course that such personnel would be required (except where personnel are on temporary duty with the Commission as indicated below) by non-expert personnel who would be available for work in other fields.

e. It is estimated that the number of personnel who could be released would be:-

3 officers of whom one is on temporary duty subject to recall by HQ.

6 SA/SA of whom four are on temporary duty and are subject to recall by HQ.

This is on the footing that HQ would be able to draw in detail from HQ at Naples and it would not be required to organize a sub-station there.

f. For your information this would only leave the Commission with the following medical supply personnel:-

3 officers (of whom two are attached to 5 and 8 Army)
2 SA.

g. In writing the above the Commission has not taken into account the fact that may shortly be played by HQ in the distribution of medical supplies, as the Commission has no knowledge of their plans.

(Sd) E.W. Stone

Major General,
Commander, COMA.
Acting Chief Command.

