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FRIENDS AMBULANCE UNIT
DEC. 1943 - OCT. 1944

Cal Dupps.

10 Oct Ref folio 16 this appears to be a C.A. Sec matter but before ~~doing~~ passing it to them has the COS any comment on para 1?

Edh

CH

10 Oct Civil Affairs Sec

It is requested that you take action on 16. COS requires BRC + ARC to be informal.

Shard ^{CPT}
C.S. Sec

PH: Is your ...
Please inform ...
... for signature by 2005 ...

CH

CA Sec.

25000. When replying from staff for which instructions unit is authorized for approval & signature. Please.
(initials) 16/10/01
for DPH.

PH.

Letter signed you will no doubt inform DRC -ARC.

CAS

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10 Oct Civil Affairs Sec

It is requested that you take action on
B. COS requires BRC + ARC to be
informal.

Thorden ^{CPT}
C.S. Sec

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PH.

Planned program: Minimum required

to be approved for signature by COS

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C.S. Sec

25 Oct Letter regarding new staff to think Ambulance Unit is for the
for advance of procedure, please.
Pending the 1st of
1954

PH.

Letter signed you will see same before BRC-ARC

CAS

25 OCT 1964

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CIVILIAN COMMISSION
APO 394
Civil Affairs Section

KCA/3357/FA

25 October 1944

SUBJECT: - Friends Ambulance Personnel.

TO : - Allied Force Headquarters,
Attention: G-5 Section.

1. Since the arrival of the Friends Ambulance personnel in this Theater they have rendered very valuable service in the sphere of civilian relief work.

2. The scope of this work is increasing and it is felt that an augmentation of the staff is necessary.

3. It is requested therefore that application be made to the War Office for another twelve members to be sent to this Theater to assist in the steadily increasing programs of civilian relief.

For the Acting Chief Coordinator:

O. R. HUGHES, Brigadier
VP CA Section,
Dep. C of S.

Copy to : AMERICAN RED CROSS and

Copy to : BRITISH RED CROSS .

PLG:MS.
Copy to G.5 AFHQ.

The Executive Commissioner,
H.Q. A.C.C.
APO. 394.

C.S. Br
Friends Ambulance Unit.

C.M.F.

Tel: Rome 377192.

4th October 1944.

Dear Brigadier Lush,

16 A
- 6 OCT Recd

You will remember that when I saw you during September you were agreeable that an additional twelve members of this Unit should be called forward from H.K. for work under ACC.

In order that the necessary formalities may be completed in London, it seems that a formal request is necessary from yourself, through G.5 at A.F.H.Q., who would then, if they approved, transmit the request to Civil Affairs at the War Office.

If you are still agreeable that the twelve members can still be of value to your Commission, I should be grateful if the formal application could be made to G.5, when the machinery can be put in motion.

Yours faithfully,

Whit

Officer in Charge,
Friends Ambulance Unit,
C.M.F.



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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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TO: DISTRESS INFO 57 AREA, MOVHIT, ACC, RAAC, NOT ROME 24 SEP Recd

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED

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AND AMB UNIT FROM NAPLES TO ROME FORTHWITH UNDER UNIT ARRANGEMENTS

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FROM: ZOMZ AREA

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PERSONNEL 3 VEHs UNDER UNIT ARRANGEMENTS.

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FROM: ROME AREA CLASSIFICATION: ROUTINE
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RESTRICTED. ACC REQUEST RELEASE HQ FRIENDS AND UNIT EX NARLES
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EC

Mr Gibson says that
he has had several talks
with Brig Loo, who only
wants a written assurance
from AEC that his FAV
is essential here.

In view of this I do
not think it necessary to
expand further. Mr Gibson
says this letter will do the
trick.

U 2/9.

I signed in absence of EC at
VP meeting. U 1/20

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.B. SECTION
APO 394

Ref 229/13/OA

21st September, 1944

SUBJECT: Accommodation: Friends Ambulance Unit.

TO : Rome Allied Area Command.

1. It is requested that you make accommodation in Rome available for Mr. P. L. Gibson of the Friends Ambulance Unit and his Headquarters.

2. Mr. Gibson has been working closely with and has been of great assistance to this Commission for the last 6 months in connection with refugees and displaced persons. He was located in Naples but now finds that place too far away for the majority of his work, which is in the battle area. It is considered essential for the proper performance of his duties that he should be accommodated in Rome as soon as possible.

L. S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner



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FRIENDS AMBULANCE UNIT 1944

MIDDLE EAST

c/o A.D.M.S., 57 Area,
C.M.F.

16th. June 1944.

Civil Affairs Branch,
R.C. & M.G. Section,
H.Q., A.C.C., APO 394.

F.A.U. Personnel.

With reference to the conversation this morning between Lt. Col. Shipp and the writer.

1. The following changes have taken place in the disposition of personnel of this Unit as shown in my letter dated 19th. April.
(a) Mr. Mann, D.E. FROM Refugee Camp, ~~APRIST~~ NAPLES.
TO InterGovernmental Committee on Refugees (att. I. & D.P.S.C.)
Mr. Marriage, S.D. FROM Catania Province (Region I)
TO InterGovernmental Committee on Refugees (att. I. & D.P.S.C.)
(b) Mr. Gibson, J.A.C. and) remain in Region I, but transfer
" Giffard, C.C.) from CATANIA Province to
RAGUSA & AGRIGENTO Provinces
respectively.
2. It is noted that Messrs. Mann and Marriage will continue to be regarded as attached to the Commission while working with Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees.
3. Your Branch will be notified of any future movements of F.A.U. personnel, and it is understood that you are agreeable to the normal practice of issuing Movement Orders from this Office.

[Signature]
Officer-in-charge,
FRIENDS AMBULANCE UNIT,
C.M.F.

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Ex Comm:

You may wish to
see the olive branch
extended by Friends
Ambulance Unit to
ARC. (p 10 & 11).

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Thank you.

2/7/4

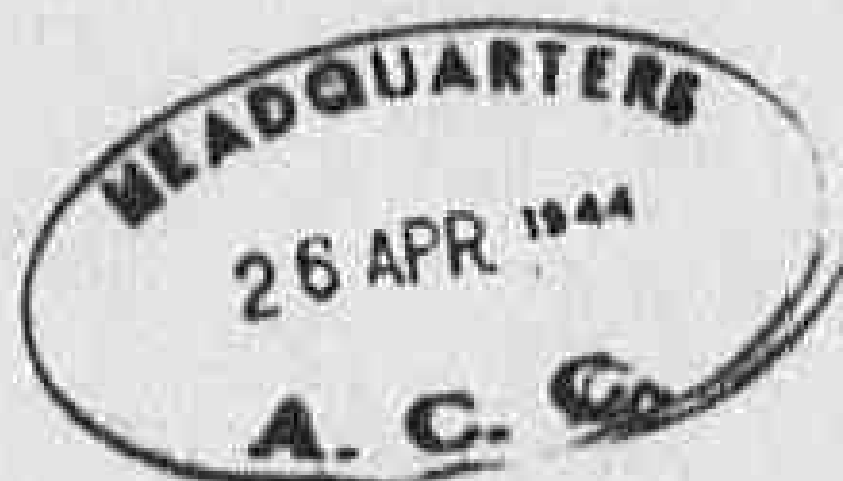
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26 APR Recd
The Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
C.M.F.

Dear Brigadier Lush,
letter I have today written to Mr. Jefferson of the American
Red Cross.

Yours sincerely,

Officer-in-charge,
FRIENDS AMBULANCE UNIT,
C.M.F.



229 X FRIENDS AMBULANCE UNIT,
C/O ADMS., 51 Area, C.M.F.

24 April 1944

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Copy to: Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

FRIENDS AMBULANCE UNIT

XXXXXXXXXXXX
c/o A.D.M.S., 57 Area,
C.M.F.

Mr. W. Jefferson,
War Relief Department,
American Red Cross,
NAPLES.

23rd. April 1944.

Dear Mr. Jefferson,

With reference to my meeting with you and Mr. Knight on 20th. April, I am writing, as promised, to set on record for your information the present position of the 16 members of this Unit at present engaged with A.C.C. for civilian relief work. I have delayed writing to you before in order to be able to give you fuller information about the work of the group working with the Italian Refugee Branch.

I should like to take this opportunity of restating what we agreed at our meeting, that my Unit is anxious to keep close touch with yourselves and the British Red Cross in this work. I think we all realise that if the fullest contribution is to be made to civilian problems, there must be close contact between us.

I give below the locations, and work of our 16 members.

REGION I (Catania Province).

Number - 5

This group has been engaged on Hospital survey and other work in the Public Health Division of the Provincial office of A.C.C., under the S.C.A.C. You mentioned that you were given to understand they would be transferring to work on the Refugee side. I have no knowledge of this but I am going to Sicily shortly, and will investigate the position and write you further. I understand you have one representative in Region I.

1. A.D.P.S.C.

This group is engaged on Medical orderly work in Hospitals as follows:-

- (a) 3 men in Central Refugee Hospital, NAPLES, under O.C., Hospital, Major Murray Wood, R.A.M.C.
- (b) 4 men in the Hospital at Refugee Camp, S. Maria di LEBGA, under Camp Commandant.

Italian Refugee Branch.

This group has been allocated individually (TOTAL) to four camps under instructions of the Director, I.R.B.

- (a) Aversa. One man who is at present in charge of a central medical store. I do not think that in this work he is likely to duplicate the work of your representative. On the other hand I am not convinced that our man should continue this work, and have agreed to his continuance on a temporary basis.

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- (b) Capua. One man who is acting as "Welfare officer" in concert with the Red Cross representative. I have seen his work and spoken to Mr. Selby-Biggs, the Red Cross representative. The latter assures me that our man is not overlapping with his work, and Mr. Biggs is anxious that he should remain.
- (c) Rossio. One man posted as "Welfare officer" and administrative assistant under the Camp Commandant. The camp is not yet open and our man is assisting in the preparations. It is not possible at this stage to say where his future work may lie.
- (d) Naples. One man who, I am given to understand, may take charge of a small sub-camp under the Camp Commandant. Again, I think we should only do this on a temporary basis.

I think you were chiefly concerned whether personnel of the F.A.U. attached to the Italian Refugee Branch should be overlapping with work which your representatives are at present doing. I have for that reason set out the present tasks of our men as fully as possible and I shall be glad of your views.

As I told you at our meeting, I am going to Sicily shortly, and hope to see you on my return. I should then be in a position to give you fuller details of our programme there.

Yours sincerely,



Officer-in-charge,
FRIENDS AMBULANCE UNIT,
C.M.F.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY COMMISSION
R.O. & M.O. Section
APO 394

Ref/729/3/C.

26 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Friends Assistance Unit.

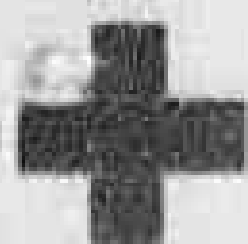
TO : Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.
Refugees Branch.
Establishments Branch.

Attached copy of letter from Friends
Assistance Unit is passed to you for information.

HAROLD E. FINE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Incl.
as above.

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FRIENDS AMBULANCE UNIT

MIDDLE EAST
c/o A.D.N.S., 57 Area,
C.M.F.

19th. April 1944.

Civil Affairs Branch,
R.C. & M.G. Section,
HQ., A.C.C., APO 394.

F.A.U. Personnel.

With reference to personnel of this Unit who are attached to A.C.C.,
in terms of Executive Memorandum Ref: 229/2/CA, dated 10th. April 1944,
I give below the location of the members so attached :-

1. Italian Refugee Branch.

(a) Refugee Camp, NAPLES.	Mr. Mann, D.E.
(b) " " AVERSA.	" Miles, J.P.
(c) " " CAPUA.	" Lambert, E.S.
(d) " " FOGGIA.	" Bamford, P.B.

2. Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

(a) Central Refugee Hospital, MAGLIE.	Mr. Brown, I.C.
	Foster, S.W.
	Hamblett, E.P.
(b) Hospital at Refugee Camp, LEUCA.	Mr. Brown, P.D.
	Hawthorne, J.W.
	Hemingway, G.S.
	Odell, G.A.

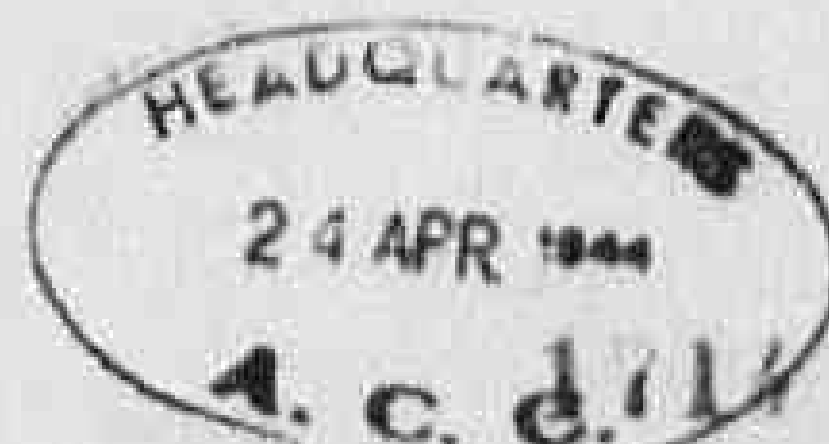
3. S.C.A.O., CATANIA Province (Region I).

Public Health Division.	Mr. Barnes, H.M.
	" Davies, L.E.
	" Gibson, J.A.C.
	" Giffard, C.C.
	" Marriage, S.D.

4. The only other name on the list is myself, who am generally
responsible for our personnel in C.M.F. area, and will desire to
visit our attached personnel from time to time.

Let's look
Officer-in-charge,
FRIENDS AMBULANCE UNIT,
C.M.F.

*CC
Serial Copy of this
to (1) Displaced Persons
(2) Refugee Branch
(3) Int. Br.
S. 26/4.*



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HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

18 April 1944

IRR/6

SUBJECT : Red Cross Representatives, Friends Ambulance Unit.

TO : Executive Commissioner. HQ. ACC.

1. The three members of the Friends Ambulance Unit assigned to this Branch have now joined us.
2. We have sent one, to each of our main camps where we have also representatives of the American and British Red Cross. The Officer Commanding Camp has arranged an allocation of duties, as between his own Officers, the Red Cross and the F.A.U. member, which is entirely satisfactory to all concerned.
3. The non-military personnel is of the greatest assistance in running these big camps, and we should find it difficult indeed, to get on without them.

L.R. Hulls
L.R. HULLS
Lt. Col.
Commanding.

folio 4 super

W. L. Stupp

*Ex Com higher like to see
20/4*

*Thank you. Thanks F.A.U. on how welcome
in affiliation with A.R.C.*

M/20/4/44

*Conf. 5. 20/4/44
1713
along 1 report out
day -*

At. Col. Shipp. Sir,
 Friends Ambulance Unit.
 Please see C. B. & A.

- (C) Standed to Mr. Rose personally by Bugadine
 Lush at. St. H. G. 16. AG. 11. Dec 43.
- (B) Cable sent by Mr. Rose after visit
 to St. H. G. A.F.H.Q.
- (A) Letter by Bug Lush to Bug Gen. Holmes
 forwarding letter mentioned in B.

Have no trace of reply to (A).

Subject reopened by Bug Lush after
 interviewing representative of F.A.U. see (1)

Executive memo issued see (2)
 letter from F.A.U. at (3)
 memo. of status of personnel at (3).

L. Watson, 1001
 18/4.

Gibson

Ash Dr Rose to come & see me
 please MR 17/4

Gibson is seeing Maj Knutzel & then Jeffers.
 His men on the residue of the Typhus & Dengue.

MR 18/4 PA 28/4

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 324
G-1

REFERENCE : 16052/1/G-1

16 April 1944

SUBJECT : Society of Friends - Officer status

1. Reference is made to Executive Memorandum No. 50 dated 10 April 44.
2. Information has been received that the members of the Society of Friends Ambulance Unit, as listed in the above quoted Executive Memorandum, may be considered as being of Officer status. There is, therefore, no objection to their being invited to become honorary members of Officers' messes if it is desired to do so and there is room for them.

RHF/LJO.

H. H. ...
R.H. FAUGHEN,
Colonel.
Executive Officer,
for Chief Commissioner.

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C.A. Branch —
Establishment Branch (6)

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copy also on file 93.4

HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

11 April 1944

IRB/S

SUBJECT : Welfare Personnel.

TO : Officer Commanding.
Capua Camp.
Naples "
Foggia "

1. Attached letter is for your information.

2. The following members have now been attached to this Branch, and are allocated as follows :-

Mr F.B. SANFORD	to	Foggia
" D.E. MAHE	"	Naples
" E.S. LAMBERT	"	Capua

3. Whilst they are posted primarily as Welfare Officers, they will be available for other administrative duties, and it will be for you to profit to the greatest extent possible by this addition to your staff.

4. You should, I think, treat these members as you would a fellow officer.

L.S. HULLS

L.S. HULLS
Lt.Col.
Commanding.Copy to: Executive Commissioner, ACC. (Executive Home No. 50.)
O.C. Aversa Camp.

Col Fiske?

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229 12 APR Recd
FRIENDS AMBULANCE UNIT

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
c/o A.D.M.S., 57 Area,
C.M.F.

Brigadier, M.S. Lush, C.B.E., M.C.,
The Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission,
C.M.F.

10th. April 1944.

Dear Brigadier Lush,

Following our meeting on the 8th. instant, I have seen Lt.Col. Hulls, Director of the Italian Refugee Branch, and have agreed to make available to him three men, and a possible fourth, to go to refugee camps as Welfare officers, but to assist also in the general camp administration. Colonel Hulls indicated that there was a greater need in this sphere, than on the medical side, and I have agreed to supply the men on the understanding that the position may be reviewed at a later date.

The remaining 7-8 men will go to Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, and I am to visit their Headquarters on Thursday of this week to make the detailed arrangements for their work.

I have now received the necessary authorities attaching our men to the Commission officially, and I am grateful for this.

I think you are aware of the interest of our Unit in this work, and I am glad that we have been able to make the men available. I hope they will be of service to the Commission.

Thank you for your invitation to approach you should the need arise in future. I will, if necessary, take advantage of this, and also keep you posted with the progress of the work.

Yours sincerely,

Officer-in-charge,
FRIENDS AMBULANCE UNIT,
C.M.F.

*This was reported at Staff Conf 17/4
Ex Comm should see the letter*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Ref 729/2/26.

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER : 50)

10 April 1944.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

AMBULANCE UNIT.

1. An ambulance unit of the Society of Friends has been placed at the disposal of the Allied Control Commission and is officially recognized as a part of the Commission.
2. The unit is actively engaged in assisting the Internoon & Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and the Italian Refugee Branch (R.C. & M.C. Section).
3. The members of the unit are to be regarded as members of the Allied Forces insofar as rations and accommodation are concerned. Regional Commissioners and Heads of Sub-Commissions and Branches with whom the unit operates are requested to give all facilities.

4. The members of the unit are :

Name.	Initial.	F.A.S. No.
Burford	F.B.	341
Burns	H.N.	429
Brown	I.O.	771
Brown	P.D.	772
Davies	L.E.	179
Foster	S.W.	790
Gibson	J.A.C.	791
Gibson	P.L.	238
Gifford	G.C.	247
Harbottle	K.P.	728
Hartmann	J.C.W.	566
Haringway	G.S.	731
Leibert	K.S.	736
Mum	D.S.	632
Harrings	S.D.	146
Hilton	J.F.	710

ALPINE UNIT.

1. An ambulance unit of the Society of Friends has been placed at the disposal of the Allied Control Commission and is officially recognised as a part of the Commission.
2. The unit is actively engaged in assisting the Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and the Italian Refugee Branch (P.O. & M.G. Section).
3. The members of the unit are to be regarded as members of the Allied Forces insofar as rationing and accommodation are concerned. Regional Commissioners and Heads of Sub-Commissions and Branches with whom the unit operates are requested to give all facilities.

4. The members of the unit are :

Name.	Initial.	F.A.U. No.	Branch
Barford	F.B.	344	-
Burns	H.B.	429	-
Brown	I.C.	771	-
Brown	P.D.	772	-
Davies	L.B.	173	-
Evans	S.W.	790	-
Gibson	J.A.C.	791	-
Gibson	R.L.	238	-
Giffard	O.C.	347	-
Hambroff	Z.P.	726	-
Hawthorne	J.C.S.	566	-
Hemington	G.S.	731	-
Lambert	K.S.	736	-
Mann	D.B.	632	-
Marrings	S.D.	146	-
Milne	J.P.	740	-
Odell	S.A.	741	-

+ Now in Sicily (Region I)

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C.A. Branch
Establishment Branch (6)
Copy to each member of Unit (17)

M.S. LUSH
Brigadier,
Executive Committee

229 TM

: 8 APR Recd

C.A.B.

Will you get out a directive to Region
to effect that Friends Ambulance ^{Unit} ~~Society~~ is
officially recognized by A.C.C. and that their
members are actively helpful H. Ref. Br. &
Displaced Persons S.C.: that members should
be regarded as members of Allied Forces so far
as Relations & Accomodation is concerned and
that they should be given ^{all} ~~off~~ facilities.

Copies for each member (11).

W. B. 8/1/44

copy/ A
SUBJECT: Friends' Ambulance Unit.

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

TO: Military Government Section
A.F.H.Q.

AMG/510/25.
29.Dec.43.

I have today received the attached letter from the representative of the F.A.U. who had penetrated to Italy and was ready to give help - and good help - at once.

2. The refugee question is in hand in forward areas, where men of the F.A.U. type are still required. The work is by no means in hand in the Southern areas as I think you must know by now.

3. I have seen no sign of mobile canteens - I have seen very few personnel.

4. I think it is a great pity that a voluntary effort of this sort should be turned down, and in future I should appreciate a communication from your H.Q. explaining why ready help is refused for what appear to be inelastic reasons. In the meantime refugees are suffering.

Brigadier
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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B

MESSAGE FORM

From: Rose FAU MEF

Date, Time & Origin: 20 NIL

20/12/43

To: Brig. Lush 717 AMG CMF (Bari)

Deeply regret HOLMES unable recommend attachment FAU 2034/9(NNE ?) AMG
in view AMOROSS plans. Letter follows. — *see first para 'A'*

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
HEADQUARTERS,
15 ARMY GROUP,
C.M.F.

AMG/41/7

C
11th December 1943

Dear Holmes

Our refugee problem, as you may know, is one of some difficulty and urgency. A Mr. Rose, of the Friends' Society, visited me to-day and having seen conditions in Eight Army Area, tells me that his Society can and wish to deal with the very problems which beset us.

There is in Middle East a Friends Ambulance Unit, staffed and mobile, trained for the Balkans but still in Egypt. There are in England other Ambulance Units, but immobile, who are ready to come at shortest notice.

I should like to get hold of the Middle East unit but realise the difficulties. Failing that I would willingly accept a unit from England. I take it that conditions of service would be laid down. We should require the unit to work under the direction of A.M.G., but I take it that we could and should ration them. At the moment we could not make them mobile, but you might be able to help us over that from North Africa.

Will you approach the C.C.A.O. (General Parsons) in Cairo under whose directions the M.E. unit comes, and will you also represent the matter to London, and ask for a unit to be sent to help.

Mr. Rose will be visiting you in Algiers with this letter and can explain details - and make recommendations concerning ways and means. But we want a unit.

M.S.L.

Brigadier General J. Holmes,
Military Government Section,
A.P.H.Q.

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