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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. AND M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref: 230/22/CA

21 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Tour of Typhus Demonstration Teams in Southern Region and Region I.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region and Sicily Region.

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for M.S. LASH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Distribution:

Regional Commissioner, Southern Region - 2 copies,
Regional Commissioner, Sicily Region - 2 copies,
Copy to: Admin. Section, A.C.C. HQ.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Health Sub-Commission

25 September 1944

ACC/3016/TH

SUBJECT: Tour of Typhus Demonstration Team.

TO : VP, Admin Sec.

1. It is requested that the accompanying draft be approved and passed to the Executive Commissioner for issue to Regional Commissioners, Southern Region and Sicily.

For Brigadier G. S. PARKINSON:

G. M. WHIZELLS,
Lt. Colonel,
Chief, Public Health Branch.

FB/GHS/cjd.

Incl:
As stated above.

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Admin Sec. HQ ACC - APO 394

25 Sep 44

TO : Executive Commissioner.

May the attached draft letter to Regional Commissioner of Southern and Sicily Regions, which is approved be dispatched please. R. R. UPJOHN, Brig. V.P. Admin Section

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M. S. LUSH, Brigadier
Executive Commissioner.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
P.O. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/230/19/CA

22 July 1944

SUBJECT: SMALLPOX.

TO : R.G. Region III

Reference our letter 235/15/CA dated 16 July 44 attached is copy of letter from AAI dated 12 June 44 to HQ. No. 3 District forwarded to you for your information.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel

Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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SUBJECT: - Smallbox

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HQ, ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY

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I/3066/16/A(0)

U-1 20 Jul 44

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Reference your 230/U/CA of 16 Jul.

Copy of 3066/16/A(0) addressed to 3 District is forwarded for your information.

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Alb. W. St. Leger
Brigadier,
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URGENT AND CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: - Smallpox

HQ., ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY.

AAI/3066/16/A(0)

12 Jun 44

HQ 3 District

1. It is reported that the incidence of civilian smallpox in AFRAGOLA is increasing, and during the week ending 1 July, 87 cases were notified. An O.R. in 198 Transit Camp (formerly at AFRAGOLA) has already been infected from this source.

2. In view of the extreme danger of smallpox to the troops the following measures will be brought into force immediately:-

- (a) All civilians and particularly itinerant vendors will be excluded from staging camp areas.
- (b) All civilian dwelling in the AFRAGOLA area will be placed out of bounds to all ranks. Troops quartered or staging in the area will be warned of the presence of smallpox and of the danger of contact with civilians.
- (c) Staging in this area will be avoided if possible for the time being.
- (d) The provision of GRC 275/54 will be strictly enforced.

(sgd) T.D. GIBBETT,
Lt Col
for Brigadier,
D.A.G.

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMMISSION

ACC/3090/PH

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15 July 1944.

SUBJECT : - Smallpox

TO : - RC & MB Section. 13

1. Reference to your ACC/3090/PH., 13 July 1944, Smallpox at Afragola. This to advise that Major R.L. Cherry of this Sub-Commission is en route to Region III for purpose of instituting control measures as indicated after conference with Regional Public Health Officer, Region III and Medico Provinciale.

For Brigadier G.S. PARKINSON

William C. Williams
WILSON C. WILLIAMS

Lt. Colonel, M.C., Deputy Director,
Public Health Sub-Commission.

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

Phone: 470695

Ref/230/15/01.

15 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Smallpox.

TO : R.C. Region XII.

1. The attached copy letter from AAI dated 12 July 1944 is forwarded for your information.

2. It has been reported that cases of Smallpox have occurred at AFRAGOLA No. 2657 near Naples. One soldier has been infected and AAI request that the area be placed out of bounds to all non-residents and that movement through the area be restricted.

3. Please arrange, in conjunction with No.3 District, to place Afragola out of bounds to all non-residents who have not been recently vaccinated. This is, of course, a temporary measure but it should be imposed as soon as possible. You should also make suitable arrangements to restrict the movement of civilians through the area.

4. We understand that arrangements are in hand to vaccinate the civil population. It is recommended that the temporary restriction be lifted seven days after completion of the vaccinations.

5. AAI are being asked to consider placing this town out of bounds to troops, if this has not already been done, and you will be advised of their decision.

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NORMAN B. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: AAI (Ref. your 3066/16/9/A(0) of 12 Jul 44)
Africa Section (Ref. your 3090/PI of 13 Jul 44)

HEADQUARTERS
AFRICAN CONTINGENT COMMISSION
...C. & M.S. Section
APO 394

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Ref/230/14/CA.

16 July 1944

SUBJECT: Smallpox.

TO : HQ. Allied Armies in Italy.

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1. Reference your 3066/16/A(0) of 12 July 1944 there is sent for your information copy of our letter to Region III dated 15 July 1944 instructing them to place AFRACOLA out of bounds to all non-residents. This will stop all movements of civilians throughout the village. Vaccinations will also be carried out.

2. I should be glad if you would confirm that military units in the area of Naples have been warned and that all the usual precautions such as vaccination and placing AFRACOLA out of bounds to troops are being taken.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For Acting Chief
Commissioner.

Copy to: Admin Section (Ref. your ACC/3090/PH of 13 Jun 44)
R.C. Region III.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/3090/PH

13 Jul 44

SUBJECT : Smallpox.

TO : RC & MG Section.

Reference AAI/3066/16/A(0) of 12 Jul, copy attached.

- 1 Cases of smallpox have occurred at APTAGOLA N 2657 near Naples. One soldier has been infected and HQ AAI requests that the area be placed out of bounds to all non-residents and that movement through the area be restricted.
- 2 On medical grounds it is sufficient that it should temporarily be placed out of bounds to all non-residents who have not been recently vaccinated and the DFH recommends that this be done.
- 3 Arrangements are being made to vaccinate the civil population. It is recommended that the temporary restriction be lifted seven days completion of this vaccination.
- 4 AAI's second request would appear to be unnecessary. If entrance is forbidden - restriction of movement through the village is a necessary corollary.
- 5 HQ AAI does not say whether the village has been placed out of bounds to troops which is desirable. It would also appear to be desirable that units located in or near Naples (if not wider afield also) should satisfy themselves that their men have all been immunised. Smallpox has been epidemic in this neighbourhood for some time, this is a precaution which troops should have taken and which troops newly entering the area should be warned to check.
- 6 Perhaps you would instruct Region III in accordance with paras 2 and 3 above and inform HQ AAI of the action taken. It is desirable from the medical point of view that the action indicated in 5 above should be taken if not already done.

G.H. UPJOHN, Col
Head, Admin Sec.

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C O P Y

Subject ; Smallpox

URGENT & CONFIDENTIAL

HQ., ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

AAI/3066/16/A(0).

A.C.C.

12 Jul 44

1 It is reported that the incidence of smallpox among the civilian population of AFRAGOLA is increasing and that one soldier has already been infected from this source.

2 In view of the extreme danger of the spread of smallpox to the troops it is requested that the following steps be taken:-

(a) The area of AFRAGOLA to be placed out of bounds to all civilians other than those living there.

(b) Movement of civilians through the area to be restricted.

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Brigadier,
DAQ

MBR/VHT

Copy to: Med.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Health Sub-Commission
APO 394.

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Recd 28 APR 1944

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ADC/3090/PW

28th April 1944.

SUBJECT: - Small Pox.

TO : - DUES, No 2 District, UNF.

1. Reference your 9544/3 dated 12 April (which did not reach this office until 21 April), and further to wire 834/23 dated 23 April from DUES AAI the following steps were taken:-

(a) An immediate conference was held with the Chief Medical Officer of the Italian Government who at once drew up special orders for all territory under the control of the Italian Government and had these orders sent out by the Minister of the Interior. A copy of the orders is attached.

(b) Two Allied Control Commission Public Health Officers left for Taranto on 24th April to assist the Medical Officer already on the spot.

(c) Immediate orders were made on Palermo for the supply of extra quantities of calf lymph to supplement the 10,000 doses already available. The Chief Medical Officer of the Italian Government states that 200,000 doses will be flown to Taranto on 29 April for use locally and also for distribution to adjoining provinces.

(d) The Italian Inspector General from Bari, Dr. Mario Sica, went to Taranto to confer with Major Cherry, MC, who left this HQ on 24 April.

(e) The civil cases, five in all, are in hospital.

(f) The contacts, 40 in all, have been vaccinated and are now in quarantine on the island of San Pietro.

(g) Vaccinating Stations have been set up in Taranto and on the main exits from the city.

(h) Nineteen Italian physicians are employed on vaccination and inspection.

(i) Another Italian physician is going to reinforce this team within a few days.

AD/3090/arb

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

Copies to:- DUES, AAI (Dear Admch)
AD & AD Sec through AD & AD Sec
Regional Commissioner, Region II.
Dr. Vasconcelos, Italian Ministry of Interior.

1 Inclosure.

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Headquarters of Public Health
5/21/36/3am.

Selmas, 24 April 1944

To: His Excellency - Anti-Mallpox Vaccination
Commissioner of Health, Palmyra

In The interests of Health, Brindley, Gettemo, Comana, Lecce, Motera, Cotenna, Bando

Calabria, Sole no, Taranto.

S.P.O. - Brigadier General U.S. Parkison, Director Public Health Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission, Selmas.

It is probable that cases of small pox will occur and immediate steps must, therefore be taken to stop its diffusion.

It is therefore necessary to observe the following:

1. To announce the normal vaccination and re-vaccination campaign against smallpox, as well as that of anti-diphtheria as issued by Art. 6 B.S. 7/3/1940. About the execution of the above see Circular N. 20300-2/19946 date the 28 January 1942.

2. To intimate that extraordinary anti-smallpox vaccination be done to all persons who in the course of their work come in contact with the Allied Forces.

The Provincial doctors must take immediate steps and contact with the Allied Public Health Authority of the province, so as to establish a practical system of control.

3. All the scholastic population of primary as well as secondary schools must be re-vaccinated.

4. To invite all the remaining population to re-vaccinate, making them note that vaccination becomes inadequate after two years.

5. Give materials necessary for vaccination to all communal Public Health Offices.

6. Pre-arrange for quarantine and vaccination of suspected and sick persons, appointing the personnel, and seeing that they are vaccinated from now.

7. Recall the attention of all doctors as well as those attached to the Communal Public Health on the possibility of a manifestation of smallpox cases and on the necessity of reporting them immediately to the Provincial Doctor.

8. Telegraph reports to the Ministry of all cases and suspects, as well as for serious smallpox.

As well as to the Ministry, the Provincial Doctors must telegraph to all the Provincial Doctors in the provinces mentioned below. These Provincial Doctors must immediately give their help to the Provincial Doctor of the Province where there has been a case manifested, as well as notifying the Ministry when they represent on their inspection.

Province of Naples
" " Calabria
" " Lucania
" " Basilicata
" " Sicilia

Dr. Carlo Maria, Inspector General.
Dr. Carmine Calabrese.
Dr. Carmine Carlo Ario.
Dr. Prof. Kroitz.
Dr. Amadeo Savio.

It is necessary that the Provincial Doctors keep a personal vigilance in the proceeding of the vaccination campaign, affecting frequent inspections to the Communal Offices of Public Health.

If transport is difficult, the Assessor, will provide the necessary private car. In the case of...

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" " Lucania	Dr. Giovanni Carlo Serio.
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" " Sicilia	Dr. Antonio Savino.

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This Ministry will provide to send a part quantity of anti-smallpox vaccine to the provinces, reserving to send the rest of the mentioned vaccine as well as antitoxin diptheria as soon as they arrive.

FOR THE MINISTER,

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

Ref/230/B/CA.

29 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Smallpox.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region III.

Your letter of 25 April 1944 enclosing report by Col. W. H. Crichton, is acknowledged. Please keep this Branch informed of future developments.

My R
ROBERT E. FIERCE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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

Ref/230/7/CA.

29 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on Smallpox - Region 3.

TO : Admin Section - For Public Health Sub-Com.

The attached copy of report on Smallpox within Region III, by Col. W. H. Crichton, Regional Public Health Officer, dated 24 April 1944 is forwarded for information.

W. H. Crichton
WILLIAM H. CRICHTON
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Incl.
as above

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I cannot trace any correspondence asking for a med. report on small pox but presume it was asked for verbally. You may wish to show it to the Ex. Comm.

Jpk.

27-4-44.

Ex Comm.

Folio 475.

Col Politi reports 17 cases of Smallpox in Naples, mostly in Via Roma area. 2. Action is in hand and the Army has been notified. I will send you to Public Health S.C.

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Major Reeves

Pass to Admin for information. Copy Reg. asking them to keep us informed of developments.

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28-4-44.

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HEADQUARTERS

REGION 8, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

26 APR 1944

APO 394, U. S. Army

A. C. C.

25 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Report on smallpox.

TO : Executive Commissioner, A. C. C. Headquarters.

1. Attached is a report I asked Col. Crichton to prepare on smallpox.

14/ *Charles Poletti*
CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Regional Commissioner.

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report.

See 758

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 304, U.S. Army
WHC/JJs

PHW/23/13

Date 24/4/44

SUBJECT: Smallpox.

TO : Regional Commissioner.

1. Cases Notified.

As far as can be ascertained the total number of verified cases of Smallpox hitherto notified is seventeen. This figure must be regarded as conservative because notification is not rigidly observed and a number of suspected cases have gone into hiding to escape hospitalization.

2. Character of Disease.

The disease as manifested so far is of light form.

3. Location.

The majority of the cases notified occurred in the Toledo Area (West of the Via Roma).

4. Preventive Measures.

a. The Communal authorities have been supplied with an adequate quantity of fresh calf lymph for vaccination in all the offices of the Sezione Municipali.

b. In addition a system of domiciliary vaccination has been instituted and it is hoped that this will be augmented by trained squads from the Typhus Control Service.

c. The Communes have been advised to publish a press notice warning the public of the danger and inviting all those not vaccinated for three years to seek re-vaccination at the Sezione Municipali.

d. ACC HQ. have been requested to hold all available stocks of vaccine in Medical Stores for use in this area and to step up demands to minimum 250,000 doses in case mass vaccination should be required.

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e. The Commune have been advised to insist on vaccination certificates for all children attending schools.

f. The existing law requiring affected individuals to be segregated in Infectious Disease Hospitals is being strengthened permitting an order to be made by the Health Authority ^{and Hospital}.

g. Disinfection services are adequate. *FAJ*

h. All Military Services have been informed.

W. H. Crichton
W. H. CRICHTON

Colonel

Regional Public Health Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

6 April 1944.

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SUBJECT: One case of Typhoid at Ayres Camp.

TO: The Executive Commissioner, A.C.C.

1. I beg to call your attention to the attached. 2
2. Under the circumstances embarkation is being proceeded with. In fact at the time the report came in embarkation was already under way. The alternative was to commence disembarking those already on board and hold up the ship.

L. R. H. H. H.
L. R. H. H. H.,
Lt. Col.
Commanding.

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6 April 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: Lt. Col. HULLS, Italian Refugee Branch.

SUBJECT: One case of Typhoid at Aversa Camp.

1. I visited Aversa Camp on April 5th 1944, and was informed by Major WILSON, Commanding Officer, that a case of typhoid had been reported to him by the Medical Officer in charge of the hospital. As one thousand Italian refugees were also in the camp awaiting transfer to Sicily by ship, I enquired into the circumstances and report as follows.

(a) The refugees for Sicily have been kept in a separate building in order to facilitate treatment for scabies. Those refugees for Sicily have had no contact with the others staying in the camp.

(b) The typhoid case was a girl who had been in the hospital for five days. A blood test was taken the day before and the result notified on the 5th April 1944. She was not among the refugees to be sent to Sicily.

(c) The family was isolated immediately. Additional precautions to prevent refugees living in the same building mixing with the others were taken. I issued vaccine (T:A.B.) for the inoculation of all contacts from the medical stores, and gave instructions to the Italian Medical Officer in charge of the hospital to inject them.

2. In my opinion, due to the circumstances and the precautions taken, there is no chance of an outbreak of typhoid among the refugees. Consequently I consider that the evacuation to Sicily may safely be proceeded with.

C. W. F. OUTRUP
C. W. F. OUTRUP,
Capt RANC

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16 MAR Recd

TO FLAMBO NADIST RPTD FATIMA FOR LUSH DISEASE BANI
 FROM FREEDOM REF NO 64656 14 MARCH

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H. B. B. (2)

FOLLOWING FROM MID EAST TO TROOPERS INFO FREEDOM. M79764 11 MARCH. QUOTE. IN VIEW OF INCREASING INCIDENCE SMALLPOX CIVIL POPULATION EGYPT AND IN TROOPS ORDERS ISSUED FOR 2 INSTEAD OF 5 YEARS REVACCINATION. SUGGEST THIS BE MADE APPLICABLE ALL TROOPS PROCEEDING MIDDLE EAST AND THOSE NOT SUCCESSFULLY REVACCINATED DURING THE LAST 2 YEARS BE REVACCINATED BEFORE LEAVE UNQUOTE REQUEST YOU TAKE ACTION ACCORDINGLY FOR TROOPS AND REFUGEES PROCEEDING MIDDLE EAST. CITE FIMED



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