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FOOT & MOUTH DISEASE
JUN., JULY 1944

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 594

Ref/241/12/GA.

17 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Foot and Mouth Disease.

TO : HQ. Allied Armies in Italy.

1. On receipt of your letter 5063/26/A(PS) of 15 June 1944 the matter was immediately taken up with the Agriculture and Public Health Sub-Commissions. As a result Executive Memorandum No.65 was published, copy of which was forwarded to you. Italian law provides for reporting and control of this disease and instructions have been sent out by the Italian Minister of the Interior drawing attention to the laws on this subject.
2. Measures for the control of this disease amongst civilian owned animals in Italy is one to be dealt with by Allied Control Commission. The necessary veterinary advisory personnel are available.
3. It is hoped that the action taken meets with your requirements. If anything further is required please advise this HQ.

Jm
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For Chief Commissioner.

SUBJECT:- Foot & Mouth Disease.

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY. 11
AXI/5063/26/A(PB).

13 Jul 44.

Executive Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

Ref this HQ letters of even number dated 15 Jun 44, and
5 Jul 44, may a reply please be given.

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Brigadier,
D.A. 2140

HEADQUARTERS
ARMED FORCES COMMISSION
P.O. & H.Q. SECTION
APO 324

Ref/32/10/CA

8 July 1944

SUBJECT: Foot & Hand Message.

TO : HQ. AAI

Reference your AAI/5063/86/A(PH) of 5 July 44 on Executive Memorandum No. 85 was issued by this Headquarters on 21 June 44 on this subject. A copy was sent to you but another copy is enclosed for your use.

J.M.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner
For Chief Commissioner

21/17

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SUBJECT: - Foot & Mouth Disease.

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8 JUL 1944

ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY

A-5063/26/A(PS).

5 Jul 44.

Executive Commissioner,
A.C.C.

dated 15 Jun 44.

May we please have a reply to our AAI/5063/26/A(PS)

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Brigadier,
D.A.C.

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 HQ. AAI. CWP.
 Ext. 324.
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 20 Jan. 44.

Subject:- Foot and Mouth Disease.

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Copy to:- R.C. A.W.G. Section, A.C.C.

1. Foot and Mouth Disease is endemic in Italy. Cases are occurring at present in the Provinces of Taranto, Bari, Foggia and Salerno, and further cases will undoubtedly occur throughout the Summer and Autumn.
2. All practical precautions should be taken to prevent the spread of disease to Great Britain, the United States and other parts of Italy. Infection may be carried by clothing, boots and equipment of troops in contact with infected premises.
3. Instructions have been issued by A.C.C. that Unit Commanders will be notified of the exact location of infected farms. These should be placed out of bounds to all troops, as far as the military situation permits. It is requested that an order be issued to this effect.

WDC/NOT.

Major-General,
 D.M.S., A.A.I.

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

Ref/243.7/CA

21 June 1944

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM

NUMBER

65

CONTROL OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

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2. The Italian Ministry of the Interior has instructed all prefecti under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government to report immediately any outbreak of the disease and to order the rigid employment of the Italian Regulations as in Appendix "A", attached.
3. It is imperative that all practicable precautions be taken to prevent the spread of Foot & Mouth disease to the United States and/or Great Britain. Since the disease may be carried on the shoes, equipment, or clothing of persons who come into contact with infected premises, every effort should be made to keep troop command informed as to the exact location of infected farms and the necessity for placing these farms out of bounds wherever it is possible and practicable to do so.
4. Prefetti in provinces will be instructed or advised to apply the following control measures:
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M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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APPENDIX "A"

EXTRACT FROM DECREE DATED 10 MAY 1944 - No. 533

Article 2)

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Article 7)

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- c. The isolation of infected from non-infected animals.
- d. The impounding of the animals residing in the infected areas with the following restrictions:

- i. No strangers, dogs, cats or courtyard animals shall be allowed to enter the infected area.
- ii. The personnel of the infected farm will avoid all contact with animals of the nearby farms.
- iii. The transferring of hay, straw, manure, etc., from the infected premises will be forbidden.
- iv. The animals shall not drink in streams or in troughs communicating with flowing water.
- v. The infected premises shall be made clear by affixing placards with the name of the disease.
- vi. The carcasses must be destroyed by deep burial (4 feet) or by complete burning.

Article 9)

The prefect, when certain of the existence of Afta Epizootica, will publish the "decree of infected zone" with all provisions, the most important of which are:

- a. To prohibit the transfer of animals from the infected zone to non-infected zone.
- b. The prohibition of livestock markets in the infected zone.

Article 12)

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
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19 June 1944

SUBJECT: - Control of Foot & Mouth Disease.

TO : - RC & MG Section, ACC Main Hq.
APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. The Public Health Sub-Commission is of the opinion that steps should be taken to enforce the Italian Regulations pertaining to the control of Foot & Mouth disease and to take all possible precautions regarding the spread of the disease to other countries. The provinces of Taranto, Bari, Foggia, and Salerno now have infected farms.

2. It is requested that the attached draft letter with Appendix "A" attached be approved and circulated to all Regional Commissioners.

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R. H. Chipman
STANSBATH,
VP Adm. Sec.

Incl:
1. Draft letter on above subject.
2. Appendix "A".

HEADQUARTERS
20 JUN 1944
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Ref

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M. S. DASH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.Incl:
Appendix "A".

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TO: Lt. Col. Shipp

17 June 1944. 3

Foot and Mouth Disease.

1. Reference 1.

2. I have been in touch with Agriculture and Public Health Sub-Commissions over this matter. It is a Public Health matter and I spoke to Major Rushmore who informed me he was aware of the outbreak in Region II and other places, but did not know there had been an outbreak in Bari.

3. He stated that the disease this year is very mild but he was getting out instructions to R.C.'s and we would probably issue them as an Executive Memorandum on the same lines as "Equine Glaners" etc. He assured me that this disease was seasonal but did not affect Italian animals, who were immune to some extent, on anything like the scale at home in England or U.S.A.

W. S. H. May

J. S. Roakes,
Major.

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HEADQUARTERS
LIND CONTROL COMMISSION
H.C. & H.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/241/2/CA.

17 June 1964.

SUBJECT: Foot and Mouth Disease.

TO : Public Health Sub-Commission.

1. Reference telephone conversation (Major Richards - Major Beckles speaking) there is forwarded to you copy letter from A.A.I. dated 15 June 1964 reporting an outbreak of foot and mouth disease at Darl.

2. We have replied to A.A.I. letter and informed them that the matter is in hand and the disease under control.

J.H.

HELMUT E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

JEF/143.

Copy to: Agriculture Sub-Commission (for Major Watts).

15 JUN 1944
 SUBJECT: - Foot and Mouth Disease.

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 HQ ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY.

441/5063/26/A(PB).

15 Jun 44.

HEADQUARTERS
 18 JUN 1944
 C. C.
 Executive Commissioner,
 A.C.C.

1. There has recently been an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease at BARI. Suitable precautions were taken as far as the Military Authorities were concerned.

2. Presumably the question of measures for the control of the disease amongst civilian owned animals in ITALY is one to be dealt with by the A.C.C. Will you kindly confirm that this is so, and that the necessary Veterinary ~~personnel~~ **Advisory** personnel are available.

C. H. Palmer

Brigadier,
 D.A.C.

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Copy to: - DEV - 13.

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