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ITALIAN RED CROSS
FEB. - OCT. 1944

MINUTE SHEET

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TO : RH

1 Reference folio 47.

a)

Travel by Air.

Approval has been given by the Air Force Sub-Commission for officials of the Italian Red Cross to use IAF Courier Services. Please see 65 A for instructions.

b)

Authority to use WD Transport.

This authority may be granted by you in AAI Routine Orders Serial No 3, 20/44. A form of pass is given in the Order. A copy of the order is at 64. The FH Sub-Comsn is considered a unit for the purpose of signing these passes.

c)

WD Petrol.

WD Petrol can only be drawn through the authorized channels. The IRC must get their requirements included in the allotment to the Italian Government permission cannot be granted to use WD pumps.

d)

Communications.

We are prepared to allow ACC channels to be used for mail to places in AMG territory and to those places in Italian Government territory to which communication has not been reestablished.

The procedure to be observed is:

(i) The Italian communication will be placed in an unsealed envelope addressed to the person for whom it is intended.

(ii) This envelope will be enclosed in another, sealed, and addressed to the Public Health Sub-Comsn.

The Public Health Sub-Comsn will pass such communications to the Local Government Sub-Comsn which will forward them to the RC who if he takes no exception to the contents of the letter will arrange for delivery.

2 Please also deal with folio 59.

CA Sec

17 Oct 44

W. H. H. H. H.
for co.

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PH still want a letter on the type of the draft to go to AFHQ. It seems to be rather longer than necessary. For instance, it is not necessary to tell AFHQ all about the arrangements which have been made and are satisfactory - or about that we are not prepared to recommend.

2. Air travel The arrangement made seems satisfactory. If the Italians themselves do not consider the work of sufficient importance to give priority we ought to make representations not arrange transport ourselves.

Wk. transport I should not think there would be the least chance of allowing or that we should recommend "pick-ups" - Permission to travel by courier might possibly be arranged. But why? The Italian's own requisition cars.

WD Petrol Why should not the Ital. Red X. get an appropriation out of the Jt. Govt. petrol allowances. That is the correct course. Communications Why cannot the official channel from Jt. Govt. through Deal Dist. and RCs be used.

If my views are accepted there is nothing left to write to AFHQ about - but we should inform PH of the action to be taken.

See my
pencil note in
letter.

I entirely agree with I.R.C.
your views. I.R.C.
10 OCT. 1944
should draw petrol from Govt
sources. G.R.H.

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H. W. L. L. L.


MINISTERO DEL  CORPORAZIONI
IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
DEL LAVORO E DELLA PREVIDENZA SOCIALE

To London

SUBJECT Report by Yugoslav Govt

To A/C

Ref my Letter

Can you please inform me if any reply
to the ^{Acting Chief Commissioner} (A/C 200-1 dated
17 Sep) addressed to the Yugoslav
delegate to the Advisory Council for
Italy has been received.
At present I am taking no action.

Lt. Col Shi

Italian Red Cross.

1. I refer to letter from the Italian Red Cross Fol. 47 wherein they asked that they be given certain facilities of tpt. &c.. This letter was referred to a number of sub Commissions for comment.

2. A considerable amount of correspondence has come in on the request and I have had meetings with Public Health and the Secretary General of the Italian Red Cross.

3. As a result I have drafted a letter to AFHQ and to the Air Force Sub Commission. The letters are self explanatory. The two points on which I think we can take action are (a) to ask the Air Force Sub Commission to approach the Italian Government and get permission for IRC reps. to use the Italian Courier Service and (b) grant permission to the IRC to use ACC channels for transmitting urgent correspondence to areas where there is no postal service at present.

4. I should like to discuss the letter with you.

Johnston Reardon Maj.

29th September.

Prepare draft for E.C. signature.

*Draft letter prepared for signature by
C. of S. attached.*

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A.A.I. ROUTINE ORDER No 20

WD Vehicles - Civilians Travelling in :-

1. Vehicles owned or hired by the WD will not be used to convey civilians unless :-
 - a) They are Government Officials, or
 - b) They are travelling upon official business or business directly connected with the prosecution of the War, or
 - c) They are civilian employees of the WD in course of their duties.
2. All civilians travelling in WD vehicles under the conditions set out in para (1) above will be in possession of an official pass prepared in accordance with the proforma shown below. Such passes will be signed by the OC the Unit authorising such travel.

"PASS ENTITLING BEARER TO TRAVEL IN WD VEHICLES"

"(Indemnity No.) _____
(Full Name) _____
(Unit or Affiliation) _____"

is hereby authorised to travel in WD vehicles in the course of his/her official duties.

(Place) _____
(Date) _____

Commanding

(Rank)
(Unit)"

CA Section

From : Air Forces Sub Commission, ACC. Rome

To : HQ A.C.C. R.C. & M.G. Section

Date : 9th October 1944

Ref. : AFSC/R/330/ORG.

11 OCT 1944

10 OCT Recd

ITALIAN RED CROSS

Receipt is acknowledged of letter 455/58 CA dated 2nd October 1944.

2. The approval of this Sub Commission is given to the limited use of the I.A.F. Courier Services by personnel of the Italian Red Cross.
3. Please instruct members of the Italian Red Cross who are authorised to travel by air on Italian Couriers to report to S/L Walton, room 43, 4th Floor Annex when reservation and passage will be booked.

J. Walton

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J. Walton
J. WALTON, S/LDR

A AIR VICE MARSHAL,

AIR OFFICER COMMANDING.

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

REF : 455/98/OA.

2 Oct, 1944

SUBJECT : Italian Red Cross.

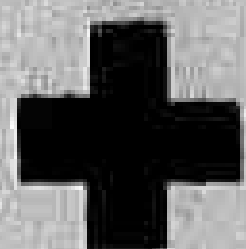
TO : Air Forces Sub-Commission.

1. Reference is made to your letter (AFSC/R/330/ORG) of the 16th September, 1944. We have discussed the matter with the representative of the Italian Red Cross and it will be appreciated if you will approach the Italian Minister responsible for the Italian air courier service and ask his permission to allow I.R.C. representatives to use the Italian courier service. It is pointed out that the demands on this service would be very rare indeed but there are occasions when it is necessary for a representative to travel quickly to another part of the country.

2. Please let us know the outcome of your approach to the Minister in due course.

Glenn R. Reaney Maj
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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COMMISSARIATO GENERALE
DELLA
CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA

II COMMISSARIO GENERALE

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NAPOLI - Largo Carli, 32
Scala A - Piano IV
Tel. 52073
#2076

Rome, 30. 9.

Dear Major Reases,
Referring to our
conversation I am
enclosing a Memo
showing the "probable"
itineraries in the
last of Italy to
be liberated. Hoping
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this is what you
wanted

Yours sincerely
by Theodor



COMMISSARIATO
DELLA
CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA

IL SEGRETARIO GENERALE

MEMORANDUM

The cars of the Italian Red Cross likely to go on inspection tours would not be more than 3 or 4 in number. The tours would include most of the seats of IRC Committees in the Provinces and IRC Provincial Hospital Units.

The following would be therefore the most likely itineraries:

- I.- Roma - Grosseto - Livorno - Pisa - Empoli - Firenze - Siena - Vi-
terbo Roma (State Roads n° 1, 67, 2).
- II.- Roma - Terni - Foligno - Fabriano - Pesaro - Ancona - Macerata -
Foligno-Roma (as an alternative Foligno-Perugia) (State Roads
3, 16, 77, 3)
- III.- Roma - Tivoli - Sulmona - Chieti - Pescara - Teramo - Ascoli Pi-
ceno - Rieti - Roma } (State Roads 5, 16, 81, 4)
- IV.- Roma - Frosinone - Napoli - Benevento - Foggia - Bari - Brindisi-
Lecce - Taranto - Potenza - Avellino - Napoli - Littoria - Roma.-
(State Roads 6 - Napoli-Benevento 90, 16 - Lecce-Taranto 7)
- V.- Roma - Napoli - Salerno - Reggio Calabria (State Roads 7, 18)

Lu. Folio

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

Ref/455/54/CA.

1 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Red Cross.

TO : A.F.H.Q. (C-5).

1. The Italian Red Cross are in process of reorganizing for the purpose of taking over from the British and American Red Cross if and when conditions permit. They are greatly handicapped by the lack of vehicles and by their inability to replenish petrol, should, what vehicles they have venture far from ROME. They have asked for our assistance in the matter. They are doing an excellent job of work and are working in close harmony with Public Health Sub Commission and we are anxious to do all we can to set this organization on its feet.

2. In their letter to the Acting Chief Commissioner they ask that they be given similar facilities to those which are granted to the British Red Cross and American Red Cross. The facilities asked for are:-

- (a) Authority for officials of high rank namely the President and the Secretary General of the I.R.C. and the National Secretary General of the I.R.C. Volunteer Nurses to travel by air.
- (b) Authority to certain officials to travel of W.D. transport in order to reach their destinations.
- (c) Permission to draw petrol from Allied service stations.
- (d) Permission to use AOC communication channels for urgent and important mail.

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- (b) Use of W.D. Transport. The I.R.C. would like certain named officials to be issued with an authority entitling them to ask for lifts from drivers of Allied transport. This authority, however, would only grant a right to get a lift but as drivers have been ordered not to give lifts to Italians except on official business (AAI Routine Order 20/44) it is felt that some amendment to the order might be issued authorising drivers to pick up, when they can, members of the Italian Red Cross in uniform. If this could be done it is suggested that the authority might contain a clause to the effect.
- (c) W.D. Petrol. At the present time the I.R.C. have only two vehicles which they consider fit and suitable for travel outside the ROME area but they are handicapped by the fact that these vehicles if on a long journey away from ROME would eventually run out of petrol and have no means of replenishment. It is suggested that authority might be given to certain W.D. Pumps to replenish such vehicles as and when necessary. If a list of the Pumps so authorised was given to this HQ we would see that they are kept informed of the particular cars operating in their area and which should be replenished with petrol. This would prevent abuse of the privilege.
- (d) Communications. The I.R.C. would use the normal mail service for the bulk of its correspondence. We are prepared to allow them to use ACC channels for mail to those places where postal communication has not been re-established. This mail would, of course, be subject to censorship at this HQ.

4. We shall take action insofar as use of the Italian courier service and communications through ACC channels are concerned but shall be obliged if we may have your instructions with regard to the use of W.D. transport and replenishment of petrol.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.
For A/Chief Commissioner.

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BRITISH RED CROSS ----- WAR RELIEF
c/o Allied Control Commission, H.Q.
C. M. F.

29.9.44.

Ref. ✓2

SUBJECT ITALIAN RED CROSS AMBULANCES.

30 SEP Recd

Brig. M. Lush,
Allied Control Commission, H.Q.,
C.M.F.

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Reference conversation Brig. Lush and Major Knight
on 22.9.44 - attached correspondence is forwarded as requested.
It will be seen that the matter of getting Italian Ambulances
mobile in the 8th Army Area is one of vital importance.
I should be very grateful if you could give all your help
in putting this forward to procure the necessary equipment.

A. Knight
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER - WAR RELIEF.

Copy to Mrs. Selby. Rigge.

KJF

I.R.C.

Ancona 29th August 1944

As required I submit to you the list of the ambulances we at the moment in Province of Ancona.

- 1) in Ancona 1 ambulance type 1500 Fiat, actually not efficient for engine damages. To repair to this fault engine it is necessary for us to take from an "auto" damaged by the Germans, which was found by Railways company (the parts that are necessary for our work.
- 2) idem: ambulance type 1300 Fiat still efficient but with damaged tyres. As soon as possible one must change these tyres (size 500-13). If the British Army do not have such a type of tyres, it would be possible to substitute the whole wheels with others by an opportune mechanical arrangement (e.g. Jeep wheels).
- 3) ambulance type 515 Fiat unserviceable because of considerable damage to the engine and because the Germans took the tyres (700-13) and battery.
- 4) ambulance type 525 Fiat with worn tyres but still efficient (size 700-13 or 600-13). This last is in Osimo with the military hospital who refuse to give it back to us although we are in great need of it.
- 5) Berlin 514 Fiat which is to be changed into an ambulance. It needs tyres (size 500-13 or 500-13) and the battery.
- 6) at Osimo ambulance type 515 Fiat it needs the battery and other accessories taken by the Germans (size of tyres 700-13).
- 7) at Fabbriano ambulance type 524 Fiat not efficient because of its worn tyres (size 500-13 or 500-13)

found by Bailey's company (the parts that are necessary for our work.

- 2) idea: ambulance type 100 Fiat still efficient but with damaged tyres. As soon as possible one must change these tyres (size 500-13). If the British Army do not have such a type of tyres, it would be possible to substitute the whole wheels with others by an opportune mechanical arrangement (e.g. Jeep wheels).
- 3) ambulance type 514 Fiat unserviceable because of considerable damage to the engine and because the Germans took the tyres (700-13) and battery.
- 4) ambulance type 525 Fiat with worn tyres but still efficient (size 700-13 or 600-13). This last is in Osimo with the Military Hospital who refuse to give it back to us although we are in great need of it.
- 5) Berlin 514 Fiat which is to be changed into an ambulance. It needs tyres (size 500-13 or 570-13) and the battery.
- 6) at Osimo ambulance type 524 Fiat it needs the battery and other accessories taken by the Germans (size of tyres 500-13).
- 7) at Fabbriano ambulance type 524 Fiat not efficient because of its worn tyres (size 500-13 or 570-13) and damaged by the "aeroblastico" impossible to find another to replace this.
- 8) at Corinaldo ambulance type 503 Fiat inefficient.
- 9) at Sassoferrato ambulance type 507 Fiat - tyres (size 500-13) very much worn.

Two good ambulances that were kept in

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Allied Army, otherwise we absolutely can not find wheels of Italian manufacture. We beg warmly the allied Red Cross to procure for us the supplies necessary for such changes.

Falling this in a short time, in all the Province we shall be entirely deprived of transport for the sick and wounded civilian.

MOTOR VEHICLES of the ITALIAN RED CROSS.

I. Extract from note sent to Brig. Upjohn on Sept. 24th concerning requirements for IRC transportation, Rome Central Committee.

120 wheels complete with discs, Jeep tyres (Ordinary type) & tubes 6.00 x 16

13 Italian tyres and tubes 4.00 x 17

30 " " " " 4.00 x 15

6 " " " " 3.50 x 19

2 " " " " 6.00 x 20

2 " " " " 3.00 x 25

Batteries: 4 voltage 6 each 26 " 12 " or 52 voltage 6 each.

II. SIZE OF TYRES AND TUBES FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF VEHICLES IN USE WITH IRC. :

Fiat 525	(7.00 X 18) (6.00 X 18) (5.50 X 18)	Fiat 520	14 X 45
" 1500	5.50 X 15	" 1100	5.00X 15
" 515	5.50 X 15	Artena	16.00X 45

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20 September 1944

SUBJECT:- Communications facilities I.R.C.

2 SEP Recd

TO: - R.C. and M.G. Section.

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Reference is made to your 455/49/CA of Sept. 14th.

1. This Sub-Commission is not directly concerned with the question of transmitting I.R.C. correspondence by A.C.C. services to areas in which the normal civil mail services are not yet operating. It may be mentioned however that P.O.W. correspondence, and some Red Cross message forms, are forwarded by A.C.C. courier service to the Provincial Commissioners of such areas, for distribution amongst Post Offices (for delivery to callers) as opportunity can be found. Some form of Censorship would require to be provided for it if it were decided to allow I.R.C. correspondence to be distributed through similar channels.

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Tel. Ext. 310

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ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

17 September 1944.

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17 SEP Reed

SUBJECT : Communication channels and travelling facilities for I.R.C.

TO : The Deputy Executive Commissioner, A.C.C. - 49

1. Ref. your 455/49/CA of 14/9/44.
2. My views are: that these requests are altogether reasonable and that they should be acceded to.
3. The Italian Red Cross does first class work in our camps and renders us ~~many~~ material assistance in work which, after all, is of operational importance to our troops.

John
L.R. Hulls
L.R. HULLS,
Colonel.,
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. AND M.G. SECTION
APO 304

Ref: 455/49/CA

14 September 1944

SUBJECT: Communication channels and travelling facilities
for I.R.C.

TO : Communication Sub-Commission
Air Force Sub-Commission
Public Health Sub-Commission
Refugees Branch
S-4 (B)

1. There is forwarded to you copy of a letter dated
6th September sent to the Acting Chief Commissioner by the
Italian Red Cross.

2. The I.R.C. are requesting certain privileges which
at present are granted to the British Red Cross and the Ame-
rican Red Cross. It would be appreciated if you will consi-
der the letter insofar as it affects your Sub-Commission or
Branch and let us have your views and comments thereon as
soon as possible.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel.

Deputy Executive Commissioner

Incl: 1.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO *48*

From: Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner *47*

SUBJECT: Communication Channels and Travelling
Facilities for IRC Officials

11 SEP Recd
FILE No. A/CC 321

TO: Executive Commissioner, Hq ACC

10 September 1944

1. Reference is made to attached letter No. 11952/G, dated 6 Sep 44,
from the President of the Italian Red Cross, subject as above.

2. Forwarded for appropriate action.

1 Incl:
as stated above

9/11/44
S. Stone

12/9/44

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HEADQUARTERS
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R.O. & H.G. SECTION
APO 394

Phone:
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RNF : A52/45/GA

19 August 44

SUBJECT : Italian Red Cross Nurses.

TO : Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

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With reference to your letter 1020/59-4 of 12 August 44, the matter has been taken up with Public Health Sub-Commission who are in favour of the Italian Red Cross nurses being used. They however state that the number to be employed should not exceed a maximum of six. You may take that AGC have no objections and therefore you may make your own arrangements to employ Italian Red Cross nurses up to the maximum of six.

Jm
NORMAN E. PIERCE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Administrative Section
(For Public Health Sub-Commission
your 3085/59 of 17 August)

HEADQUARTERS
INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 294

IDP/1100/59-4

Tel. 489081 Ext. 392

17 August 1944

18 AUG Recd

SUBJECT : Italian Red Cross Nurses.

TO : R.C. & M.C. Section

1. May a reply be given to this office letter IDP/1020/59-4 dated 12 August 44.

For the Director:

(C. Fothergill)

C.F. FOTHERGILL
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Director

Copy to: File 104-5
A.D.M.S.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
& M.G. SECTION
APO 394

REF : 455/42/CA

15 August 44

SUBJECT : Italian Red Cross Nurses

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

Reference folio 41 of File 455 please say if you
have any objections to the Italian Red Cross providing a
few nurses to attend Yugoslav wounded.

Norman E. Fiske

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

IDP/1020/59-4

Tel. 459081 Ext. 392

12 August 1944
13 AUG Recd

SUBJECT : Italian Red Cross Nurses.

TO : R.C. & M.G. Section.

1. Owing to the influx of Yugoslav wounded in the South I am having considerable difficulty in procuring Yugoslav nurses for the hospital which I am taking over from the I.R.B. at Aversa.

2. I understand, if HQ. A.C.C. approves, the Head of the Italian Red Cross would be very kindly prepared to provide a few. I should be glad if approval could be given.

For the Director:

C. B. Findlay
for LTCOL
C.B. FINDLAY
Colonel
Director

Copy to:

File 104-

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
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PH 3:
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Ref/455/39/OA.

3 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Services of Italian Civilians in
Italian Red Cross.

TO : HQ. British Military Administration,
CYRENAICA, M.E.F.

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Reference your 46/P/2 of 24 June 1944, there
is forwarded to you reply received from Italian Red Cross
dated 27 July 1944.

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NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Incl
as above

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BRITISH RED CROSS WAR RELIEF 38
c/o ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION H.Q.
C.M.F.

31st July, 1944 2 AUG Recd

SUBJECT: Service of Italian Civilians in Italian Red Cross

TO: Col. Norman E. Fiske. Deputy Executive Commissioner
A.C.C.

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With reference to your letter of July 5th,
(455/30/CA) I return correspondence together with a
reply from the Italian Red Cross.

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A. Knight

John 26. 1944
Assistant Commissioner
War Relief

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