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

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REF : 702/126/CA.

21 September 44.

SUBJECT : Outrages by Moroccan Troops.

TO : R.C. Legion IV.

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Reference your R/5309 of 11 September 44.
The attached copy of letter from Public Health Sub-Com.
ACC/3134/PH dated 19 September 44, is forwarded; it will
be seen that all possible assistance has been rendered.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Health Sub-Commission

PH/GMF/ja

ACC/3131/PH

19 September 1944

SUBJECT: - Outrages by Moroccan Troops.

TO : - Lt. Colonel G.W.I. Shipp,
Civil Affairs Branch, HQ ACC.

(Thru Adm Section). 20 SEP 1944

1. Reference your memorandum dated 18 September, every possible assistance has been rendered since the outrages took place.

2. Free clinics have been established in the towns of Ceprano, S. Giovanni Incarico, Pico, Pastena, Vallecorno, Castro dei Volsci, Pofi, Giuliano, Patrica and Sgurzola.

3. In cases where the women have refused to be examined by male doctors, female gynecologists have been employed.

4. Ample quantities of anti-luetics have been supplied.

5. In short, all possible measures have been and continue to be taken for the diagnosis and treatment of such cases.

For Brigadier G. S. PARKINSON:

G. M. Frizelle
G. M. FRIZELLE,
Lt. Colonel,
Chief, Public Health Branch.

see 126

Cc.

*Send to Reg. to ref. their
original letter (117).*

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124
18th September, 1944

SUBJECT: Outrages by Moroccan Troops

TO : Admin. Section for Public Health
Sub Commission

1. With reference to conversation Friselle - Shipp, please see folios 116 to 123.
2. I would be grateful if you could implement the assurance given in para 2 of the Executive Commissioner's letter of the 17th September, stating that as much assistance as possible will be given to the individual victims concerned.

G. W. I. Shipp
G. W. I. SHIPP
Lt. Colonel

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

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Ref/702/123/CA.

17 September 44.

SUBJECT:- Outrages by Moroccan Troops.

TO : R.C. Region IV.

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Alternatively you might sound Gen. de Sevin very tactfully whether the French Army would be likely to make any ex gratia payment, or if he would ask French authorities what their views are. But I suspect "better pot" anyhow not until we have had a chance to discuss with Brig. Lush and *St. Stone*.

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TO: Executive Commissioner.

1. Do you wish to raise this with AFHQ as Mr. Caccia suggests? I am a little inclined to do so but it may be purely a desire to avoid raising complicated issues.
2. From previous approaches to General Sevin I do not think that a request on these lines is likely to be successful.

G.W. Shipp

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Lt. Col.

No approach. No good.

WHL 16/9.

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NORMAN E. FISKE, ^{Brig}
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Commissioner.

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Pdistant Section Ex Comm:

Outrages by Moroccan troops.

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Ref 117 and 118.

I have seen NCC's files and no trace can be found of any answer being sent to Italian Government.

Such letters as there are show that

9 a.m. a) individual cases have been dealt with on their merits to the satisfaction of Cinc.

b) no statement on policy, especially any involving the French, has been made.

2. It would appear that the policy is just this - to deal with the cases as they occur and refrain from giving out any statement on general grounds.

3. Would you please say whether in your knowledge any statement was ever made to the Italian Govt on the general aspect of this question and advise how you consider Region IV's opening question should be answered.

18.9.44.

W. Shipp 1061

M. L. C.

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Ref 702/118/CA

14th September, 1944

SUBJECT: Outrages by Moroccan Troops

TO : Executive Commissioner

1. I have discussed this briefly with Political Section who inform me that the matter has been taken up at a high level with the French and the gist of their reply transmitted to the Italian Government.

2. I am of the opinion that we should not get the A.C.C. involved in this and that I should write to R.C., Region IV telling him that this is our policy, ~~but~~ what has been done is the most that can be done at present and instructing him in future to try and avoid being drawn into any discussion on the matter.


G. W. I. SHIPP
Lt. Colonel

Let us see the reply so that we can
tell Reg IV if suitable to do so. In
meantime I should like Publ Health
Sub Com to give special attention to the
medical side of things. I agree that at
Govt. level nothing more should
be done. *MS/141*

I will take
up with
Admin Sec.
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION IV
APO 394

P/5309

11 September, 1944

SUBJECT: Outrages by Moroccan Troops.

TO : HQ. Allied Control Commission
RC and LG Section

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Attached is a letter from the Provincial Commissioner Frosinone in response to an enquiry as to the present morale in the Communes which suffered most. The question of payment of damages is one which is submitted for consideration. The special VD Unit was refused at the most important time and probably is not necessary now. The RPHC has, and is, doing all that can be done on this side although he has difficulties over the very awkward question of abortion.

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A.S. Bonham Lt. Col

for Regional Commissioner
(absent on duty).

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11 September, 1944

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(absent on duty).*

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C O P YFROSINONE PROVINCE
Allied Control Commission
Region IV
APO 394HQ Finggi
2 Sept. 1944

TO: HQ. Region IV (Attn. Col. Bonham-Carter)

SUBJECT Outrages by Moroccan Troops.

REF: R4/FRO/87

1. Reference is made to your letter of 31 August R/5221.

2. The morale of the subjects of the outrages has naturally improved to some extent with the passing of time. There is still a strong feeling of smoldering rage and resentment. A great deal of this resentment was directed at A.M.G. with no justification of course.

3. Nothing was done of a practical nature to help them. The French and their Moroccan Troops were vociferously condemned and our genuine sympathy was extended. Repeated protests and reports were made to Region IV HQ and by it to ACC. The undersigned as well as Red Cross and the Provincial Medical Officer asked that a Mobile V.D. Unit be sent in to the area most affected, but we were informed that this could not be done. As much local medical attention as possible was given. In the Castro a dispensary was set up solely for these unfortunates. Many of the victims were ashamed to come in for treatment.

4. Special assistance in a material way, even at this late date, would be desirable, e.g. drugs. The Special V.D. Unit could be of some help. It has even been suggested by the husbands and fathers of some victims that money would go a long way toward healing the wounds.

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