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LIAISON DIVISION, Hq. AGC, APO 394 - U.S. Army

17 June 1944

TO: Region III (Division of Fine Arts)

1. The attached statement from the director of the Royal Technical School Casanova has been referred to the Real Estate Section of PSC by this office personally.
2. Records disclose that the director is in error in many of his statements. It seems that bomb damage was responsible for the loss of much of the equipment referred to. For instance the moving picture camera referred to was broken before the troops entered but has been repaired and will be returned to the school.
3. It is suggested that the director refrain from making any more complaints and that proper claims be made after the evacuation of the premises.

ER/ao

ELCH BROWN,
Maj., C.M.P.

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LIAISON SECTION
HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

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27 May 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region III, Allied Control
Commission, Naples

1. Reference is made to an inquiry presented by officials of the Allied Control Commission to this office on 17 May 44, with reference to four tank cars of molasses (estimated to involve approximately 60 tons) reported to be on a siding at Maddaloni and to belong to the Italian Army. The release of this molasses to the ACC for purposes of the manufacture of yeast was requested. It appeared that this material, if the property of the Italian Army, could not be taken over unless formally released by the Italian Army -- in conformance with the combined Chiefs of Staff requirement that property of the Italian Army be left for disposition entirely by the Italian Army.
2. This office presented the matter to the Commanding General, Italian Forces in Campania, and is now in receipt of his reply to the inquiry. It appears that this molasses was shipped to Italy from Bulgaria prior to the date of Armistice, 8 September 43, same having been commandeered and removed from that enemy country. Italian Army officials felt it proper to obtain a formal release from the Allied Command before this molasses be either unloaded or removed. It had been intended to use the molasses for processing in the Synthetic Animal Food Plant at Maddaloni. The Italian Command has never received any reply to its repeated requests for such release. Pending some such action the molasses was allowed to stand on the siding at Maddaloni where the ACC officials discovered it.
3. The Commanding General, Italian Forces in Campania, has agreed to relinquish such title as he may have to this molasses to the Allied Control Commission for the manufacture of yeast. He assumes that in effecting such release, a proper share of the processed yeast will in turn be made available to the Italian Army -- and particularly the Campania Command -- as a great shortage in yeast for the preparation of bread for troops now exists.

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4. It will be appreciated if this office is put in position to advise the local Italian Command as to the action taken in the matter. It further appears that the Military Railway Service should be advised as to the release of these tank cars as soon as they could be unloaded.

DONALD J. LENNEY
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief Liaison Officer

cc - Commanding General, Italian Forces, Campania.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub-Commission
A.P.O. 394

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26 May 1944

ACC/70-16/Food

SUBJECT: Molasses for Yeast Manufacture

TO : Liaison Division
(Attn: Maj. ENOCH BROWN)

1. This refers to your conferences with Major KAUFFMAN and Capt. DIEBEL of this sub-commission relating to the release to us of approximately 60 tons of molasses in four tank cars at Madeloni to be used for manufacturing yeast for the Services and Civilians.

2. A representative of this sub-commission just returned from an inspection of the yeast manufacturing plant in Barletta and reports the factory in good working condition, but closed down since early in May because of lack of molasses.

3. It is urgent that the molasses at Madeloni be made available to us as promptly as possible so that it can be forwarded to Barletta and the production of yeast be resumed.

J. Irvine
W. J. LEGG
Colonel
Chief, Food Sub-Commission

*This was passed on to
Maj Kaufman Food Sub Com -
personally*

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LIAISON SECTION
HEADQUARTERS PERIPHERAL BASE SECTION
APO 782

17 May 1944

ITALIAN LIAISON)
MEMO NO. 33)

TO : Commanding General, Italian Forces, Campania.

1. Certain officials of the Allied Control Commission have ascertained that four tank cars of molasses approximating 60 tons are on a siding at Madeloni and that such apparently is the property of some agency of the Italian Army. It appears that this molasses has been located at this siding for a period of many months. The ACC officials are desirous of obtaining this molasses for use in some manufacturing plant at Bari for the making of yeast -- which, in turn, would be for distribution to both Italian civilians or Italian military. Numerous inquiries have been addressed to this office as to the release of this material if not urgently required by local elements of Italian Army.

2. This office has taken the stand that if this molasses was in the possession of the Italian Army at the time of the Italian armistice and surrender, that it must remain with the Italian Army for final disposition. It would be appreciated however, if your office could advise the ~~amount~~ actual ownership of this molasses and its intended use to include a recommendation as to whether or not it should properly be released to the ACC for processing into yeast. This office has no interest in the matter except to protect the rights of the local Italian military to the extent proper and justifiable on the basis agreed.

For the Commanding General:

DONALD J. LEEHEY,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief Liaison Officer

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1st Ind.

25 May 1944

LIAISON DIVISION, Hq. AOC, APO 394 - U.S. Army

TO : Region III (Education), APO 394 - U.S. Army

This officer called on S.S.D. (Maj. Bailey) in re basic communication. Arrangements can be made for use of Stadium at Bagnoli. Suggest however that your office contact Major Bailey to work out details. S.S.D. Headquarters is located near Post Office on same street. Major Bailey's phone, Value 168.

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EEROCH BROWN,
Maj., C.M.P.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

A/27

15 May 1944

SUBJECT: Occupation of Arable Land by Troops.

TO : PBS
THRU PBS Liaison Officer, Hq ACC.

1. The Farm in Pozzuoli area, known as CAMPIGLIONE, the property of Signor Enrico Chianese, is one of the most productive grain areas in Naples Province.

2. A number of U.S. Troops have recently arrived on the farm and the owner has been informed that many more troops can be expected shortly.

3. In the interests of Agriculture and because of the urgent necessity of conserving wheat production, may the authorities please be asked to delay construction of this camp until after harvest, or alternatively, to move the camp to another site, which Signor Chianese is prepared to offer and which is NOT under crops.

4. For the information of the requisitioning authorities it is pointed out that the farm in question is in a notorious malaria area.

For the Regional Commissioner:

VG/gar

NEIL C. BAKER
1st Lt., QMC
Adjutant

AG 601 BPGCT (15 May 44) 1st Ind RFG/ajo
HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, APO 782, 23 May 1944

TO: Regional Commissioner, Region 3, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. A portion of the farm CAMPIGLIONE is being occupied by U.S. troops as a training center. Prior to occupation the owner was contacted personally by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, and was shown the portions which were intended to be utilized.

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2. The commanding officer of troops thereat has been instructed to protect growing crops and fruit trees. A guard has been established by the unit to carry out these instructions.

3. Reference paragraph 4, basic communication, the area as a malarial source does not come within the boundaries as published to the command by the Surgeon, PBS.

For the Commanding General:

L. F. NICKEL
Lt. Col., A.G.D.
Adjutant General

LIAISON DIVISION, Hq. AGC, APO 394 2nd Ind.

23 May 1944

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region III - APO 394

1. Forwarded for your information.

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EPOCH BROWN,
Maj., C.M.P.

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TERROTORIAL LEGION OF ROYAL CARABINIERI
TENERZA OF AVERSA

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9 May 1944

SUBJECT: Robbery of civilians by colored soldiers.

From 5 May onwards, in the "Lagni" area, under the jurisdiction of Gricignano, a squad of 15 colored American soldiers from the neighboring camp have been stopping and robbing, in daylight, workmen of the warehouses and farmers. Della Gotta Antonio, son of Andrea, from Gricignano, was shot at with a pistol, but fortunately was unhurt. Some young girls have had their clothes burnt. The interpreter at the warehouses 560, Attilio Giuseppe, was, on May 7th at 7:30 A.M., stopped and robbed whilst going to work. He was warned, under threats, to maintain silence regarding this attack.

The officers of the warehouse 560 are acquainted with this matter.
There is unrest among the population.

Alessandro Parisi.
Lt. Commanding.

SERVICE OFFICE.

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14 May 1944

TO: Chief of Public Safety, Region III.

For information and measures to be taken to stop this abuse against the workpeople.

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CASIMIRO MEOLI.
Lt. Col. Commanding.

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From To my Police

HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

PS/15.1

21 May 1944

SUBJECT: Robbery of Italian civilians by colored soldiers.

TO : Provost Marshal, PBS (Thru PBS Liaison Officer, Hq. ACC)

Attached translation of a letter received from the ACC is forwarded for your information and any action you consider necessary.

G.T. FRANCIS,
Lt. Col., G.I.,
Regional Public Safety
Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Liaison Division
APO 394

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Ref PS/15.1

23 May 1944

1. The basic communication copy attached was referred by this office or personally to PMS-PHE (Maj. Tolve).
2. It was requested that notice of action taken be sent to your office.
3. This office should be notified if no notice is received for a further check with Maj. Tolve.

EB/ao

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ERICH BROWN,
Maj., C.M.P.,
Deputy, Allied Control Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

BB/ 009-122

17 May 1944

SUBJECT: Authorized wine-bars.

TO : Sanitary Officer, Metropolitan Area, PBS
Thru: PBS Liaison Officer, Hq. AOC

1. The firm Borrelli has been authorized to furnish wine to the various bars. However in many cases it has been quite difficult to make deliveries. There are a great number of these wine bars located on the main thorough-fares, and cart-men are not permitted to enter these streets by the M.P.'s without first having a special permit.

2. Can your office obtain a permit for each of the three cart-men listed below from the Provost Marshall Section of your headquarters?

- a) Ciro Improta
- b) Vincenzo Improta
- c) Pasquale Zeno

/s/ Joseph E. Ameruso
JOSEPH E. AMERUSO
2nd Lt., Q.M.C.
Econ & Supply Div.
A.C.C. Region 3.

LIAISON DIVISION, AOC Hq. APO 394. 1st Ind.

20 May 1944

TO: Region III (Econ & Supply)

1. Necessity for keeping the main thoroughfares of Naples open for military traffic makes it impossible to give wine-cart men permits to enter these streets.

2. HQ-Met Area (Maj. Mikulak) was contacted personally with reference to this request.

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Maj., C.M.P.

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LIAISON DIVISION, ACC - APO 394

1st Ind.

20 May 1944

TO: Region III (Public Safety)

The original of the attached communication has been indorsed by Comdg General of C.E.F. through C of S to the proper units for disciplinary action of those concerned. Report will be made of such action to IO at C.E.F.

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ENOCH BROWN,
Maj., C.M.P.

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HEADQUARTERS
 REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 APO 394, U.S. ARMY

PS/15.1

13 May 1944

SUBJECT: Allegation of incidents omitted by members of the French Military Forces.

TO : Captain Duplissay, Provost Marshal, French Military Forces, University of Naples. (Thru: Liaison Officer, HQ, A.C.C.)

Herewith is forwarded for your information and such action as is possible, allegations in respect of certain French Military units in this Area.

1. At 2200 hours on 9 April 1944 at Roccamarina, ten Moroccan soldiers are reported to have attacked the CC.RR. barracks with tommy guns and hatchets.

The CC.RR. defended the building and the Moroccans were dispersed by French Military Police.

Barracks damaged to the extent of Lire 1,000. No casualties.

2. At 1500 hours of 23 April at Oliveto Citra (Salerno), it is reported that two French soldiers stationed in the vicinity went to the home of Pasquale LILLIO and tried to force their way in with the obvious intentions of engaging in sexual intercourse. LILLIO offered opposition but was beaten up and threatened but managed to get away and call for help whereupon the French soldiers, in fear of being apprehended, went away.

3. At 1700 hours of the same day, on the outskirts of Oliveto Citra, it is reported that Maria MARGARELLA, 26, was assaulted by an Algerian soldier of the local battalion, who attempted to rape her. She resisted strongly whereupon she was struck with a bayonet. One Giovanni BELLOTTA ran to her assistance and received the same treatment whereupon the Frenchman ran off. The woman will recover in 10 days, according to a medical report.

4. At 1800 hours, same day and place, it is reported that, 2 Algerians went into the farm of Pietro ANGERIBANI, 47, robbed him of 1000 Lire and then beat up his father, same name, and 75 years of age. One of them had a dagger.

5. At 1900 hours, same day and place, it is reported that, 2 Algerians probably the same of the above, went to the home of Vincenzo VECIO, and tried to force the door open. When Vecio arrived on the scene, a scuffle ensued.

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At 2200 hours, the CC.RR. barracks with heavy guns and
batteries.

The CC.RR. defended the building and the Moroccans were dispersed by French Military Police.

Barracks damaged to the extent of Lire 1,000. No casualties.

2. At 1500 hours of 23 April at Oliveto Citra (Salerno), it is reported that two French soldiers stationed in the vicinity went to the home of Pasquale LULLO and tried to force their way in with the obvious intentions of engaging in sexual intercourse. LULLO offered opposition but was beaten up and threatened but managed to get away and call for help upon the French soldiers, in fear of being apprehended, went away.

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6. On 24 April 1944, CC.RR. Ugo Antonio from Nocera Inferiore Station, on leave in Cardito, was arrested for no reason at all, by a French Officer. He was freed by the Commander of the Cardito Station.

7. On 25 April 1944, at 1730 hours, Appuntato PAPPALARDO, Carmelo of the Calvano Station, while going to Cardito to take a letter to the Criminal Administration, was stopped by a French Officer and asked to show a permit, which according to the said officer should be released by the French Military HQ. of that section. The Appuntato showed his identification card saying he was within the area of his Station and did not need an authorization. The officer then falsely accused Pappalarde of not saluting the flag during retreat. He arrested him and put him in prison. He was later released by the Commander of the CO. RR. Station.

8. On 29 April 1944, a French Battalion of the "Foreign Legion" commanded by Colonel Belange, arrived at Montella (Avellino), coming from Naples. 23 non-commissioned officers of this battalion occupied all the rooms of the CO. RR. barracks, with the exception of the officer's billet, offices of the Tenenza and Station, the mess-hall, the kitchen and two dormitories for the CO. RR. The 4/3, were shown an order issued by the Chief of Public Safety of Caserta, but they replied that the order is not applicable to the members of the French Army.

9. It is requested that the accounts of these incidents be brought to the attention of the appropriate French Military Authority.

Our attention is specially called to the incidents in which CO. RR. personnel were concerned.

10. The incidents explained of, if accurate, are particularly unfortunate during the present difficult period when every effort is being made to improve the morale of the Civil Police Agencies.

11. It is hoped therefore that suitable instructions may be issued calling attention to the necessity of assisting the Italian Civil Police Agencies.

12. Unexploded Bombs, etc.

It is reported that recently at Chiusana S. Domenico, that the 8th Moroccan Regiment, left many unexploded mortar bombs in unprotected places. Three civilians were killed.

Also, recently at Vulturara, Moroccan troops seriously damaged furniture, buildings and destroyed important papers and documents in the hospital and school. Two persons were killed, by unexploded bombs.

13. It is requested that steps be taken to ensure that the Moroccan troops refrain from entering these premises and causing unnecessary damage, thereby interrupting the functions of the approved Civil Authority.

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13. It is requested that steps be taken to ensure that the Moroccan troops refrain from entering these provinces and causing unnecessary damage, thereby interrupting the functions of the approved Civil Authority.

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G.T. FRANCES
Lieut. Colonel, R. I.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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LIAISON DIVISION, Hq. AOC, APO 394 U.S. Army

10 May 1944

SUBJECT: Villa Nazionale

TO : Education Region III

1. PBS through Special Service Division (Lt. Col. Perkins) was contacted in reference to use of the above mentioned Villa by your branch.
2. Only part of this Villa is going to be used by PBS as a place of recreation for troops. The remainder will be used by the civilian population. The line was described as "just this side of the band stand". The Ingr outfit located there can tell you exactly the part requisitioned for use by troops.
3. If further contact is desired with PBS call Lt. Col. Perkins at Value 48.
4. Lt. Col. Griffith head of the Real Estate Section PBS - Metropolitan Area - stated that no requisition other than that mentioned above had been received by his office.
5. It is suggested that Capt. Holman contact this office and then go to Lt. Col. Griffith's office with a copy of Lt. Col. Poletti's letter of 5 May 1944.

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EUGEN BROWN,
Maj., C.M.P.,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Liaison Division
APO 324

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10 May 1944

SUBJECT: Attack on Dada Pietro (your PG/15.3 dated 8 May 44)

TO : Public Safety, Region III

1. The above mentioned communication was taken up with PMG Metropolitan Area (Maj. Mikulak) for investigation.
2. Report will be made to this office to be forwarded
3. Your communication was written 8 May 1944. The incident took place 1 May 1944. Time is valuable in such cases and it is suggested that reports be made directly to the PMG - Metropolitan Area in connection with such cases arising from the city of Naples area.

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ERICH BROWN,
Maj., O.N.P.,
Allied Control Commission

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HEADQUARTERS,
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394, U.S. Army.

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10 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Caterpillar Tractor requisitioned by 10 Engineer
Corps, V Army.

TO : Eng. Service,
Local Procurement Sec.
PBS
THRU PBS Liaison Officer, Hq ACC.

1. A Caterpillar Tractor, Model D.H. No 4 G.36834 was taken from Signor Signorini's farm at Piano di Calazzo in the first days of Allied occupation.
2. This tractor is now urgently required for Agricultural purposes, may the same please be released?
3. Present location of the tractor is not known.

T.O.S. White

T.O.S. WHITE,
Major, KRRC.,
Regional Agricultural Officer.

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*Attended to by phone to
Maj White - called his attention
to my letter in this connection dated*

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LIASON DIVISION, AOC Hq., APO 394

6 May 1944

SUBJECT: Tractor belonging to S.G. de C.A.G.

TO : Region III Agri (Maj. Gay)

1. HBS (Ord) was contacted and was referred to Eng. Service Local Procurement, Telephone 11100 (Maj. McDonald).

2. The above organization suggested that if number and any further information could be given they would check up with Eng Depot 232 to see if the tractor could be located.

3. Suggest that your office call Eng Service Local Procurement and make arrangements to have some one try to locate this tractor at one of the Eng Depots.

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ERICH BROWN,
Maj., C.M.P.
Allied Control Commission

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1 May 1944

LIAISON DIVISION

SUBJECT: Requisitioning of Livestock by French Forces.

TO : Agriculture Officer, Region III

FROM : Liaison Division, AOC Hq., APO 394.

1. The instances referred to are being sent forward to C.E.F. for investigation, and a report will be rendered to the Liaison Division, AOC Hq. in due course.
2. Instructions have already been issued whereby the practices complained of are strictly prohibited. It is believed investigation will establish that the general instruction is being observed, and that the offenses were committed by small independent units.
3. It is believed that the particular type of offense is likely to recur from time to time owing to the shortage of fresh meat.
4. Similar trouble was experienced with British Indian Troops, and was only remedied by the provision of fresh meat.

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EMOCH BROWN,
Maj., C.H.P.
Allied Control Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

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26 April 1944

SUBJECT: Requisitioning of Livestock by Allied Forces

TO : Liaison Officer
H.Q., A.C.C.

1. Ref. conversation Major Murchie - Major Guy. Enclosed are 5 examples of requisitioning and forced purchase of livestock in the Cancellowam-one area.
2. As livestock in this area is already much below pre-War level, this unauthorized requisitioning is viewed with concern by this Section.
3. May representations please be made to prevent further similar incidents.

For the Regional Commissioner:

/s/ T.O.S. White
T.O.S. WHITE
Major, KRAC
Regional Agricultural Officer.

Copy to: Food Production Board.

PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE DIVISION
A.M.G. REGION III
REPORT FOR MARCH 1944.

1. Staff:-

(a) The staff assigned during the month were as follows:-

Colonel W. H. Crichton, CIE, IMS, R.P.H.O.
Major C. Gill, MC, P.H.O. Naples City
Major L. Snedeker, MC, Regional V.D. Officer and
P.P.H.O. Avellino Province
Major S. A. Goldsmith, SR, R.W.O.
Major J. MacSweeney, SR, Asst to R.W.O. -
Assigned 7th March -
Capt W. MacKenzie, RAMC, P.P.H.O. Naples &
Benevento Provinces
Capt E. A. Turner, Sanitary Officer, Naples City
Capt Crichton-Jones, RAMC, P.P.H.O. Salerno Province
Capt S. O. Hill, Sn.C., Regional Malariaologist
1st Lt T. Wintersteen, P.W.O. Naples Province -
assigned 12th March -
2nd Lt P. Buck, MAC, A.P.W.O. Naples Province

(b) It has at last been arranged for the Company Sick Parade to be taken at the ACC, MI Room thereby relieving Major Gill from this duty.

(c) Capt Snegireff has not been replaced and Major Snedeker is doing both V.D. Officer and P.P.H.O. Avellino. This leaves nobody to assist the R.P.H.O. adequately in office which means that he is more than ever tied to his office table, a deplorable circumstance.

2. Meteorology:- (Naples City)

Av. Max. Temp.	53.2F	Total Rainfall 1.4 inch
Av. Min. Temp.	40.4F	Highest temp. (14th) 57.0F
Av. Humidity	64.1	Lowest temp. (16th) 37.0F

3. Vital Statistics:-

It is regretted that it is impossible as yet to obtain any reliable data.

4. Prevailing Diseases:-

(a) Typhus:- (1) As far as Naples City itself is concerned the epidemic may safely be said to be over though a few cases are still being found. Not so in the Province where quite an apprec-

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10 Apr

Assigned 7th March -
 Capt W. MacKenzie, RAMC, P.P.H.O. Naples &
 Benevento Provinces
 Capt E. A. Turner, Sanitary Officer, Naples City
 Capt Crichton-Jones, RAMC, P.P.H.O. Salerno Provin ce
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(ii) One case was reported in the British Army.

(iii) Hospital accommodation was more than ample and by the end of the month it was possible to decide on the closure of the temporary Typhus Hospital at the albergo dei Poveri as the Cotugno could easily cope with the numbers on hand. The Albergo dei Poveri will close on the 15th April. The Hospital at S. Giorgio a Cremano has been closed down as a Typhus Hospital for sometime and is now only used as an isolation hospital for Small Pox.

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(v) Hospital accommodation was ample. Conditions at the Pace Hospital have much improved, both administratively and technically. Further improvements are being carried on in the outlying hospitals.

(iv) The Typhus Control Service is still in operation but regrettably there is not the same close contact as was maintained with the U. S. Typhus Commission.

(v) The decline of the epidemic made it possible for all civilian places of public entertainment to be reopened and for relaxation in part of the ban on Naples for the troops.

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(vii) A proposal is being put forward that CAD units should include preventives for the civilian population or the grounds that many of the women who propagate the disease are infected by their civilian friends.

(viii) A recent study of the statistics collected reveals that the types of cases at the V.D. Hospital occur in the following proportions:-

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(iv) It should be borne in mind that the Vesuvius disaster is going to have a very serious effect on the nutrition of the people as it will have the effect of making vegetables much scarcer and therefore dearer than they have been and vegetables have hitherto saved the life of the people.

(v) The promulgation of Regional Order 19 removing restrictions on the movement of people within the Region should have a very beneficial effect on the wider spread of the available resources but it is necessary that inter-regional barriers should not be put down. Our present policy of denying movement without the provision of the wherewithal seems rather dog-in-the-

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7. Milk:- (i) The revival of the Centrale Comunale del Latte has been a great achievement in itself but the amount of milk brought in is small. The intention was that it should at least serve the needs of the Hospitals. Instead, the bulk of it is going to Dairies and therefore being sold at "black-market" prices whereas only an infinitesimal part of it is going to the Hospitals. The reason is simple. The Hospitals do not want it because at L. 13 per litro (quite a reasonable price) the tinned milk from AMG is cheaper and, it is said, better, in that it is safer.

(ii) Steps are being taken (a) to improve the Hygiene of the Central del Latte and (b) to make Hospitals accept the milk so as to have more available for distribution to the general public in a form which can be more easily controlled.

(iii) Two schemes have been worked out and will shortly be published in the form of orders for the distribution of milk to the public. The first one, so far limited to Naples Province, deals with the distribution of tinned milk through Pharmacies for sick people who literally have no means of getting any at present. The second is the more pretentious one of providing milk for expectant mothers (during the last four months of pregnancy) and for their infants up to one year. The scheme is being put at present to all those attending Welfare Centres of the Province and a few other recognized maternity and child welfare clinics. A comparatively small allocation has also been made for distribution to mothers who may need the milk but who are not of a class which would frequent any of the Welfare Centres. Dr. Caroline Wade of the British Red Cross has rendered the most valuable assistance in the development of the scheme.

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(iv) There is still the most frightful chaos in the financial situation of Hospitals. The normal income of most of these Institutions has either disappeared or been reduced to infinitesimal proportions. The remedy is easy, on paper, that is to say advances from the Prefetto, but the wheels of the Prefetto grind slowly. Meanwhile as Administration demands hard cash for its deliveries and allows nothing "on account", patients are liable to starve. Only the rudest letters have finally succeeded in stimulating the Italian Officials concerned into some semblance of interest in a situation which their vivid imagination should not make it difficult for them to appreciate.

10. Medical Stores: (i) A scheme for an all-Regional distribution of medical stores for sale through pharmacies has been under consideration throughout the month and has now reached its final stages. It should soon merge in chrysalis form to the great joy and benefit of the General public, but an important, though not insuperable, "snag" has been discovered at the last minute, namely the prices demanded by AMG.

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(11) Considering the gross overcrowding and damming up of troops everywhere the likelihood of AMG finding much work to do seems small. However the high powered Civil Provincial Anti-Malaria Committee of Naples under the feeble leadership of the Medico Provinciale have been meeting and fiddling with the plan and something is being done by the Consorzio Riuniti di Bonifica which is the only body with experience and with some energy. The trouble however is that reliance in the past has been placed solely on the Consorzio and the Consorzio have only dealt with a strictly demarcated area and not with areas which have become extremely dangerous owing to war damage to canals, drains, tank traps, etc.

(iii) There has been a danger of overlapping from the collateral, though not conflicting interest taken by the Agricultural authority in the work of the Consorzi. This matter has been adjusted to our mutual advantage but perhaps to the disadvantage of the Consorzi who probably hoped to get money for the same project from two different sources.

(iv) Another important decision arrived at is that of permitting Region. III authority as regards Malaria and the work of the Consorzi to extend beyond the Volturno, in 5th Army area. This splitting up of this activity under two "managements" would have proved disastrous.

(v) The success of the campaign, which has every promise of being a big one, will depend very largely on local co-operation, which may be taken as assumed, and availability of equipment, supplies and transport which are all less certain.

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15. Welfare:- (1) During the month under review there has been an appreciable improvement in Welfare activities due, not only to the energy and industry of the newly appointed Regional Welfare Officer, Major S.A. Goldsmith, but also the appointment of the long awaited staff of officers to help him. I refer to Major John McSweeney, assigned as associate to the R.W.O. and to child welfare activities; Lt. T. E. Wintersteen assigned as Welfare Officer to Naples Province and collaterally, Naples City, and Lt. Paul Buck, assigned to assist Lt. Wintersteen, all of whom have rendered excellent service in a sphere which has needed much attention and organization.

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(ii) In addition the Welfare Section has been fortunate in having the assistance of the following Red Cross workers:-

Mr. Foley, Liaison Officer, ACC;
 Mr. St. Aubin, who has been acting as Welfare Officer to Benevento and Avellino Provinces;
 Miss Mulcahy, Naples City, American Red Cross, clothing distribution;
 Miss Rush, American Red Cross, Clothing distribution Naples Province;
 Mr. Condict, Institutional Alimentation;
 Miss Lockie, Salerno Province;
 Dr. Caroline Morda, assigned generally to R.P.H.O. office and engaged on a special investigation of the O.N.M.I. organization and milk distribution.

It is understood that HQ, ACC have agreed to allow Capt. E. Silveira to devote part time to welfare work in Salerno Province.

(iii) Steps have been taken to establish a Social Welfare Department in each Province with Divisions of Public Assistance and Child Welfare. A draft decree has been submitted for approval and publication to the Regional Commissioner.

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(vi) Contacts have also been established with the "Soccorso Militari" but there has not been time yet for anything to be accomplished.

(vii) A scheme has been evolved, and will shortly be put into operation, whereby lunches will be served to no less than 20,000 school children. Of these lunches it is hoped that 9000 will be hot meals.

(viii) A careful study of the Movimento Italiana organization has been made. Steps have been taken to secure the admission of more children to the G.I. Institution at Sala and to provide more accommodation for children both at this Institution and elsewhere. Available space has been greatly curtailed by damage from bombs and by military occupation of buildings. Army authorities are assisting in this matter and it is hoped to expand accommodation to meet the growing needs as evicted children return to Naples.

(ix) As a result of a request made by the Legal Officer, Naples Province (Col. Webber) conferences have been held with Col. Munzi on the organization of proper care for juvenile offenders. In this connection it is hoped that the Albergo dei Poveri will soon be released for their accommodation.

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Public Health & Welfare Division
A.M.C. Region III

Report for February 1944

1. Staff:-

(a) The staff assigned during the month were as follows:-

Colonel W.E. Crichton, C.I.F., I.M.S., R.P.H.O.
Major C. Gill, U.S.M.C., P.H.O. Naples City
Capt. W. Mackenzie, R.A.M.C., P.H.O. Naples
& Benevento Provinces
Capt. L.S. Snegireff, U.S.M.C., P.H.O. Avellino
Province and Assistant to R.P.H.O. - under
Orders for other Theatre of Operations.
Capt. W.T. Kirk, U.S. Welfare Officer under Orders
for other Theatre of Operations.
Capt. E.A. Turner, U.S. San Corps, attached A.M.G.
Naples City.

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3. Vital Statistics:-

No information of value available.

4. Prevailing Diseases:-

(a) Typhus

(1) The improvement in incidence observed during January was maintained throughout February. The total number of cases verified as Typhus was 285 as compared with 914 in the preceding month, but it is interesting that no less than 111 cases, or little more than half of the total, were reported from Communes outside Naples City.

(2) The average daily number of cases fell from 14 during the first week to 7.4 in the last week but it is interesting to note that while the City average fell steadily from 10.4 to 3.1, that for cases outside Naples rose slightly from 3.4 to 4.1, thus surpassing the City average by the end of the month. The Communes principally affected were Ercoli, Portici, Sessa Aurunca and Resina.

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(7) The direction of typhus control in the field was transferred from the U.S. Typhus Commission to A.C.C., under the immediate direction of Colonel Williams.

(8) Notification. Although the incidence of typhus has decreased a number of cases are still being found in houses which have obviously been ill for some time and have not been notified. Italian law demands notification by a doctor but, if a doctor is not called in, the case remains unreported and a danger to its neighbors. Steps have accordingly been taken to get a decree published by the Prefettura imposing on heads of families the responsibility of notifying to the Communal Authorities any case of fever lasting 2 days or over. As soon as intimation is given a M.O. on the Communal staff can then go and verify the case.

(9) Discovery. A special "ad hoc" Committee has been appointed to deal with these. So far it has been ascertained that the population in the Mioverri is very much reduced (about 200-3000) and is likely to be further reduced when orders prohibiting their use are enforced. The Refugee Section have too much on hand to handle them.

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(1) Three cases of small-pox were reported during the month. One was aged 3, the other 12 and the third 50. The first two were sisters of which the younger had somehow escaped vaccination.

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14.75	17.65	19.70	13.79	25.2	874				

(2) Compulsory immunization by means of a three dose toxoid was introduced by the Italian Govt in 1940. It appears to have had no appreciable effect on incidence or case mortality. The 1943 figures cannot be taken into consideration.

(3) Immunization has again been resumed in the schools with the same material (locally produced) as was used before. The attention of the Italian authorities has been drawn to the apparent need for inactivation of the potency of the toxin - anti-toxin mixture used.

Incidence probably has increased local involvement. The Montecarlo Museum has it down.

(g) Policy

The number of rabid dogs allowed to roam in the countryside biting people and animals is stated to be 100. It is certain that the continually recurring demands for vast quantities of anti-rabic vaccine either confirms this allegation or displays a complex which exists even though Italian people who are treated with a rabid dog miles away necessitates their being treated with a full course of vaccine. A.C.C. are aware of the situation and have made arrangements for regular supplies from **Mal Indo** Arrangements are also being made to stimulate production locally. Meanwhile, the Prefecture has issued stringent orders regarding the control of dogs.

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(2) The function of this Division as far as Venereal Diseases is concerned is to provide adequate Hospital accommodation for the treatment of the disease; to encourage the use of Venereal Disease Clinics, and to supervise and control the technical methods employed in both Hospitals and Clinics.

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Lacchia 9

extendable to 40

500 at Pace - 770

The greatest possible credit is due to the Army and the resourcefulness of the Provincial P.H.O. (Capt. Macken) in achieving, so much in one month, alone and without adequate means of transport.

(3) There is a lamentable disposition on the part of Army Authorities (both British & American) to think that "adding nothing" about Venereal diseases. This has become an "fixed" born of a lack of knowledge of the laws in force. In a Country where prostitution is not illegal, the medical authority can not help a woman in Hospital either if she is cured or, even if prostitution were made illegal, which would require the introduction of new laws, the medical authority cannot be concerned with the punitive aspect once the case is cured. At present joint conferences presided over by the Regional Commissioner, it is decided to give an incentive law by which a woman convicted of prostitution could be incarcerated for an indefinite period.

(4) The Hospital accommodation provided has hitherto been adequate for the treatment of all cases sent for admission and conditions at the Pao Hospital particularly have been greatly improved under the constant supervision of the A.F.C. Venereal Disease Officer (Major Snodden).

(5) Meanwhile steps are being taken to tighten up the procedure for the registration of prostitutes and to expel them from areas to which they have emigrated for the purpose of their trade.

(6) The incidence of Venereal Disease in the British and American Forces in Naples has shown a very appreciable diminution during January but it still stands at a figure which points of no relaxation of any effort which can be made to prevent it.

5. Food:-

(1) The long awaited increase in the bread ration to 500 grams came into force on the 7th Feb. and the new Hospital Scale was authorized as from the 2nd February. The general experience has been that although the food is available, the means of distribution have proved inadequate to get it to the consumers and Commerce in Avellino and Benevento have particularly suffered.

(2) Hospital in Naples City have benefited from the new scale, largely because they were in a position to call for the food issued themselves. Those in the Country have not been quite so fortunate. They have suffered alike from defective distribution, as from lack of any transport of their own and from a coupon system which fails often after they have expired or by the time the claims are presented, the food has all been distributed and nothing is left. It is hoped that with the introduction of the proposed food "voucher" in the Province, conditions will improve in this respect.

(3) It should however be borne in mind that, although the quantity of food has been increased and each patient is now assured of a bare caloric minimum, the quality or balance of the diet still leaves much to be desired. Thus it is sadly lacking in first class protein (other than preserved milk) and in fat because the all forms is scarce and added up to weight according to current reports. Patients need good meat or fish, eggs and cheese if they are to regain their health. At the request of this Office A.F.H.Q. have been asked to provide for an issue of bully beef for all Typhus patients which has been of incalculable value. It is however for a short time. It is suggested that A.M.G. should not make a point of ensuring that a quantity of these essentials at least for Hospital patients.

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- (4) It was intended that the so called Hospital scale being a minimum 2000 caloric scale, should be made applicable to all Institutions, but it has only been authorized for Hospitals and Institutes for orphans and for the Asid. Convents and Monasteries being excluded. As it is in practice extremely difficult in this Country to distinguish between these institutions, the discrimination made appears to be an infortune to one. Many Convents and Monasteries have

(6) Manual workers on A.M.G. or Army contr etc are all being provided with a ration consisting of 1/3rd lb. bread, soup and vegetable after which a sum of 7 lfr is charged against each individual's pay. This is a good thing and indeed it is an essential factor in the war, expected to maintain a good output of work.

(7) An inquiry into the nutritional status of school children has been instituted at the instigation of this Office. The Co-ordinator of the investigation has appointed a noted Bio-Chemist with considerable experience in the particular type of investigation (Prof. Gastone Quagliariello of the University of Naples) and the on duty is expected to take control. Meanwhile preliminary report on the work carried out up to date in one school has been made available and the results have caused for anxiety if they are to be taken as an indication of the state of nutrition prevailing generally. The results may be summarized as follows:-

School - G. Obulan (mixed - Ages 6-12 years)

Year number of pupils - 480

Boys - 218 (107 boys, 111 girls)

Weight - 42% above deviation from normal average of 10% above normal, 7% higher than normal.

Capillary Permeability - (Vit. C deficiency) Increased in 4%

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Skin condition - Poor (in luster, elasticity, goose skin) in 60%.

The above deviations from normal are regarded as significant in the light of local experience. It would however be prudent to wait for a larger number of "samples" before arriving at any general conclusion.

(6) Milk Supply.

There has been a welcome revival of the milk supply in Naples through the Centrale del Latte. Milk is being brought in from Agrigola (1000 litres) Castellammare (1700 litres) Miano and Ponticelli (600 litres) daily, pasteurized at the Central Pasteurization plant and distributed to hospitals. Welcome as this is the procedure at the present time, great deal to be desired. There appears to be no proper inspection of dairies, herds or of the milk handlers. The plant is poor and difficult to clean; and the containers are not sterilized. Definitely not a safe milk supply, but capable of improvement.

6. Transport.

Still survives a paragraph to itself although the daily distribution of food. There are still such important matters as the fuel for the vehicles which have been destroyed and of means of transport for the Italian officials themselves. If our policy is to be that of stimulating the Italian administration into action then surely we shall have to provide them with the means to do so - or do it ourselves. We cannot do so for lack of personnel and everything else. Thus for instance, Italian Health Officials cannot be relied upon to perform their duties if they are immobile. Hospitals still cannot discharge their patients in many cases and few have any vehicles with which to transport them. Medical stores or alimentations when this is issued to them.

7. Hospitals.

(1) The Civil Hospital at Capua was re-opened during the month with 30 beds which will shortly be increased to 100. This hospital had been badly damaged and the fact that it could be put into commission in such a short time is again due to the interest and drive of the Provincial P.H.O. (Capt. MacKenzie). Were it not for a most regrettable misunderstanding which led to the Civil Hospital at Avezzano being requisitioned again (after evacuation by the French Ordinance Dept) by the A.S.C. (the Soldiers' Club, that Hospital would also have been re-opened by now. Orders for the recovery of the Club have been issued by P.H.S.

(2) What is the revitalization of hospitals means to the people has to be seen to be realized and the relief it gives to Rome. It is in Naples City the 1st, already loaded with patients is very considerable. It also assists at least in part in solving the problem of transport for the patients on admission and on discharge.

(3) One of the most serious deficiencies in the revitalization of hospitals is the lack of glass. The issue of glass of glass is well controlled by the Army and it would appear that hospital (at least Civil Hospital) are low in the order of priority of requisitioning. A request has been made for better distribution and/or for the introduction of substitutes like "inhibitors". Another important deficiency is electric bulbs.

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(13) Hospital named telephone. A few have got them but the majority have none. In the 3 days of lack of trunk at the telephone is particularly true over and strong representation is needed for it; installation to be considered as an urgent necessity.

(1) A good deal of work has been done on the removal and disposal during the month and signs of improvement at last. The six controlled tipping dumps north of the City and Loading Pier for disposal by sea. The transport has been to Greenwell Island and the police have been made aware of it in the chain of contraband. Cases still occur however of dumping on side walls. There is a scarcity of suitable contacts but the Council and Prefecture is doing all it can to procure staff or to provide staff sufficient to meet demand to house collection. The possibility of fixed communal bins to serve blocks of flats or street sections is being considered.

(2) Two camp dumps have recently taken place on at Gents Hill near the 3rd District and the other in F. place with P. S. established the same. Object mainly of securing the maximum possible coordinated effort between Civil and Military in the maintenance of sanitation in the Camps where the fly nuisance and its associated danger of disease are going to constitute a grave menace to the health of the troops and of the population. It has been represented that A. S. can only estimate local (Civil) authorities into activity and then into augmenting the means at their disposal for good sanitation. This is difficult to anticipate are initially transported it for the removal of noxious matter supervision and on a long visit representing the people facilitating in habits which have the sanction of the Army have agreed to help in both transport and supervision and a scheme in being worked out now to bring the great at possible force to bear.

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6. Sanitation:-

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(2) Two committees have recently taken place at Gento. The first was held at the 3rd District and the other in N. place with P.A.S. Both had the same subject namely of increasing the medium position of sanitation in the Commune which the fly nuisance and its associated danger of disease are going to constitute a grave menace to the health of the towns and of the population. It has been represented that A.A.S.G. can only stimulate local (Civil) authorities into activity as to the introduction of the means at their disposal for good sanitation. The main difficulty anticipated is the initially transport for the removal of noxious matter and supervision and on a long view restricting the people from indulging in habits which have the same effect. The Army have agreed to help on both transport and supervision and a scheme is being worked out now to bring the greatest possible force to play on the part of the Civil authorities.

7. Malaria:-

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(1) The special representative committee requested by this Office has been formed by the Prefecture of N. place. The Medical Provincial is the Chairman and is also the Official responsible for the conduct of the campaign. The members are representatives of the Commune of San Francisco, R.A. Grange, Agriculture, Genio Civil, and A.M.G. (Capt. Hill, Malaria Officer). The Committee met for the first time on 28th Feb. and prepared a statement for the fight against malaria.

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Departmentally as it is impossible at present to get full details of it. It is to be placed at our disposal, the plan of campaign is accordingly rather fluid but arrangements have been made on the assumption that an adequate quantity of oil will be available. Paris Or. will be out of the question. This is regrettable as the local people have always used Paris Or. and are not familiar with the use of 541. Two special Officers (Capt. Tregear and Lt. Manzelli) were sent over to make a detailed survey and to make recommendations. Their report however is not yet in hand.

(2) An important Joint Meeting took place at A.F.S.G. on the 1st Feb. when it was decided to be adopted and joint responsibility was discussed. Since it can be seen at present the Army is to be responsible for action in all areas in which troops are stationed and will call on the Civil authorities through A.F.S.G. to implement their action or to protect the civil population as a measure to safeguard the health of the troops. A.F.S.G. will see that the Civil authority will take action independently in areas outside Army control, but it will also have to take more than an intelligent interest in the areas covered by the Army in case units are forward and the responsibility for control returns to the Civil Authority.

10. Medical Stores:-

Following:-

(1) The main shortages during the month have been:-

- (a) Vaccine lymph (since received)
- (b) Anti-rabies Vaccine (since received)
- (c) Radiographic material
- (d) Microscopic staining material
- (e) Rubber gloves

(2) Now that Hospitals are deprived of gas, there is a great demand for Methylated Spirits. Local sources can provide Industrial Alcohol in large quantities and arrangements are in hand for denaturing this for issue.

(3) Another frequent demand is for intravenous injections of Vitamins, especially Vitamin C! In a country where Citron fruit abounds this is easier for injecting Vitamin C compounds intravenously or intravenously amounts almost to a waste.

11. Welfare:-

(1) The personnel situation in this sphere of activity is so serious that it deserves to be stressed again. With the departure of Capt. Kirk, Major (Colonel) will take over, but this is also to

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11. Welfare:-

- (1) The personnel situation in this sphere of activity is so serious that it deserves to be stressed again. With the departure of Capt. Kirk, Major Gold, who will take over but this is also to be in the nature of temporary duty. There is no Welfare Officer in the City or in the three Provinces and it is literally impossible for any effective work to be done other than on a "catch-as-catch-can" basis.

- (2) It is proposed to appoint as soon as possible Provincial Welfare Committees consisting of Podesta, Doctors, Priests, etc. through whom the Regional or Provincial Welfare Officers will work.

(3) The Public Health Branch has received extremely valuable help from the Field Public Health Officer appointed to this position. These have been:

- Mr. Sullivan, Vice Public Health Officer, to be replaced by Mr. Foley.
- Mr. Condict, Conductor, Food Acquisition in Hospitals in Naples City.
- Mr. St. Aubin, assisting in welfare work in Avellino and Benevento Provinces.
- Miss Mulochy, Clothing and Distribution, Naples City.
- Dr. Caroline Wood, appointed on 23rd Feb. to work on Maternity, Child Welfare.
- Miss Bush, Clothing, Distribution, Naples Province.

Each of the time of these workers has been taken up with the distribution of the sufficient amount of clothing which has been received from the U.S.A., but, each in their respective departments have rendered valuable and willing service which has been well appreciated.

12. Water Supplies:-

- (1) Nothing of importance to note except that a serious shortage has been reported on the islands of Capri and Ponza where the local supplies in the past have been augmented by importations from Naples. The matter is in hand.
- (2) In Naples City the Acquedotto Sorino is supplying the whole City. Its quality and priority is good.

/s/ S. H. CRICHTON

Colonel
Regional Public Health Officer.

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