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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,  
ALLIED COMMISSION,  
HEADQUARTERS,  
ROME.

3rd December, 1944.

No. L.213/4.

MINISTRY OF MARINE,  
ROME.

(Copy to:- Military Mission to the  
Italian Army.)

*Wed 6/12*

INOCULATION OF ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL.

Instructions have been received from Allied Force Headquarters that all personnel of the Italian Armed Forces will be immunised against typhus, small pox, typhoid and paratyphoid infections, as is the practice with all Allied troops. It is particularly important that personnel receive injections against typhus infection.

2. For information, details pertaining in the British Forces are repeated and will be put into practice in the Italian Armed Forces.

(a) Typhus Inoculation. - Using the British product the initial dose is three injections of 1 cc repeated at 7-day intervals. Thereafter, 1 cc maintenance dose at 6-monthly intervals.

(b) Small Pox Vaccination. - Repeated every two years. Personnel are not considered immune until a negative result is obtained after 3 attempts, fresh vaccine being used on each occasion.

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3. Sufficient supplies of Italian products in T.A.B. Co. and small pox vaccine are available from Italian Sources. Further requirements of typhus vaccine to cover needs of Army, Navy and Air Force will be submitted by Ministry of War to UNIA.

for REAR ADJUST.

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Smallpox Vaccination A Transatlantic Photo - Italian Army

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Lord Process Sub Comm.  
A.C. (MCA)  
B.M.  
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5 Dec 44

MEM AMB  
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Director of Public Health Sub Comm. AC.

for information

1. RESULTS, (a) Vaccination carried out between 1st April and 30 Sept 44:-

Primary 12635 Positive results - 11335  
Negative results - 1279

Re-vaccination 13470 Pos. results - 81302  
Neg results - 57469

(b) Previously vaccinated and not due for re-vaccination - 14,217

TOTAL VACCINATED = 293492

2. V.A.P. A. MEMORIAL

Primary Vaccination 10936  
Maintenance dose: 165430

3. TOTAL VACCINATED = 176446

2 This return does not include the area of Rome and surroundings and represents the number protected in special areas. Vaccinations are now being carried out in the other areas.

3. ANTI-TYPHOUS MEMORIAL

Primary 20618  
Re-vaccination 19072

4. TOTAL VACCINATED = 47690

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TOTAL INOCULATED = 23492

Primary inoculation 10936  
Maintenance inoc. 16540

② TOTAL INOCULATED = 17446

③ This return does not include the area of Rome and northwestern and representative  
the matter protected in 1933-1934. Inoculations are now being carried out  
in the other areas.

3. ANTI-PLAGUE IMMUNIZATION

May 28616  
No-inoculation 1932

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④ TOTAL INOCULATED = 4,7690

⑤ Until 30 November anti-plague vaccine was given only to individual units,  
combat troops, and to groups located in strategic areas.

⑥ Strength of the Italian Army on 1st October 1944 = 300,000

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In 1944  
Lt. Col. J. B. S. S. S.  
Lt. Col. P. B. S. S. S. (MILITARY)

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Subject: Prevention of Disease - Inoculation

Land Forces Sub Comm.

A.C. (MILIA)

ROME

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29 Nov 44

Ministry of War

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2. Detailed instructions and arrangements will be issued by MILIA through medical channels.

*Jm.* Major General,  
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MILIA)

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Copy to: AFHQ -- ref your AG 720.3/211 G-32-0 of 25 Nov 44.  
Naval Sub Comm. A.C.  
Air Force Sub Comm A.C.  
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
APO 512

AG 720.3/211 GCT-O

25 November 1944

SUBJECT: Inoculation of Italian Armed Forces

TO : President, Allied Commission, APO 394  
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

1. It has been agreed that all Italian Armed Forces serving under Allied Command (BRI-ITIS and US-ITIS) be immunized against typhus, small-pox, typhoid and paratyphoid infection, as is the practice with all Allied troops. It is especially important that personnel receive inoculation against typhus infection.
2. Arrangements will be made to have all such Italian troops inoculated against these infections; arrangements for the supply of equipment for these inoculations should be made with the medical services of this headquarters.
3. All ITI-ITI personnel will also receive these inoculations.

By command of General WILSON:



*[Signature]*  
ALBERT W. KARR,  
Captain, AGD,  
Asst Adjutant General.

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Subject: Inoculations and Vaccinations

Land Forces Sub Comm.  
A.C. (MILA)

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17 Nov 44

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1004 Coy (Italian Gen Rpt) R.A.S.C.

Reference your 1004/5 of 13 Nov 44.

(a) Inoculation and vaccination for Italian Army are now the same as for British personnel. These are repeated for your information.

T.A.B. Initial doses of 1 cc followed by 1 cc at a 10-day interval. "Roused duty" for 48 hours after each dose. Thereafter maintenance dose of 1 cc yearly. "Roused duty" not routine but may be given.

T.E. In Italian Army anti-tetanus vaccine is given mixed with T.A.B. and known as T.A.B. Te. If using British products initial injections are:-  
1 cc followed by 1 cc in 6 weeks, followed by 1 cc in 6 months. Thereafter yearly maintenance dose of 1 cc.

Small Pox Vaccination.  
Repeated every 2 years. Inoculation to be carried out 3 times on each occasion with fresh vaccine before considered immune. Usually a 7-14 day period is allowed to see if a reaction has occurred.

Typhus Vaccine.  
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(b) Generally speaking all may be administered at the one time, but particular care must be taken that other injections are not given at a time when small pox vaccine is producing a reaction. The Medical Officer or unit will guide you in this matter. Tetanus and typhus do not produce any serious effects and do not "excuse duty".

(c) If there is no medical officer with the unit, arrangements should be made with the nearest Italian medical military unit. All supplies are available from Italian sources.

*Adm.*

Maj. Gen.  
R. A. D. M. S.  
Land Forces Sub Comm. AL. (MILA)

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
 Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare  
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Ref: 4/2861/IS

To: All Military Commands

Copy to: MJIA for information

1st October 1944Subject: - V.D. - Need for Intensifying Prophylactic Measures

According to the data shown in the monthly V.D. returns and from the reports sent by the Hygiene authorities of the Medical Directorates and offices, it appears that Venereal Diseases, instead of decreasing, are steadily spreading with noticeable results on the already lowered physical and moral conditions of our Country.

The problem is studied with particular care, also by the Allied Medical Authorities who are insisting upon the necessity of adopting in the shortest time and following severe disciplinary rules, all those measures which are necessary to prevent the above mentioned diseases from spreading.

This Ministry with circulars 4/459/IS and 4/1520/IS dated March 4th and June 1st 44, respectively, brought to the attention of all medical and hygiene Directorates and offices, the methods to be put into practice for single individuals and for general cases. Ministry of War ordered moreover, that medical officers should make frequent inspections amongst the units to control how prophylactic measures are applied. Later on, instructions were repeated as reports were received.

There is reason to believe, judging from the diagrammatic rise of venereal disease, that anti-VD propaganda among the troops has been, at least in some sections, very neglected, if not completely so and that co-operation with the civil medical authorities, so necessary if anti-VD campaigns are to be practically effective, has not been taken proper care of. Even in the monthly medical reports the problem of the anti-VD campaign is not dealt with, with the interest it deserves bearing in mind the ever increasing number of cases, specially by certain Military H.Q.s.

There is no doubt that almost everywhere clandestine prostitution increases continually and that, under present circumstances, it is extremely difficult to check this regrettable practice but there is also no doubt that the consequences among the troops are made increasingly serious by the lack of a heart felt interest on the part not only of the unit medical officers but also Army Corps medical officers, unit Commanders and all other officers in the enforcement of all the various means of counteracting the spreading of this type of disease.

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It is therefore necessary to take immediate and energetic action to prevent the spreading of V.D. thus contributing to the moral and physical uplifting of the Country. This General Directorate, while relying upon the understanding and active collaboration of all H.Q.s points out the most important points in the anti-VD campaign which can be abridged as follows:-

To carry out propaganda, especially amongst the units coming back from the front lines or awaiting to be trained in training camps, to uplift the hygienical and moral conscience of the military and inform them of the dangers which may result from careless habits, of the consequences, often permanent, of VD not only on the body of those men who are affected by them but also on the family and sons; attention is to be particularly drawn to clandestine prostitution which is not controlled.

To reorganise prophylactic stations, checking their regular working and making sure that all the necessary chemicals products and materials are available.

To carry out individual prophylactic measures according to available means.

To keep in close contact with the civil medical authorities in order to reach through close collaboration the best results both on the brothels and on repression of clandestine prostitution.

To carry close enquiries when new cases of infection are notified in order to ascertain the source of the disease and inform at once the civil medical authorities.

To carry out the weekly medical inspections so that no military may escape from this most useful control.

Conditions not available

Letter from AFHQ 4131 of 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. 44

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

(F. Caldarola)

TRANSLATION.

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Direzione Generale Di Sanita Militare

Ref: 559/San. di Prot.

26th February 44.

Subject: Lice Infestation

Ref., M/2/56 dated 17th., Subject - Hygiene, it is stated that:-

Sanitary Regulations issued to the men of the Italian Army contain every provision to guarantee the health of the skin and cleanliness of the person.

These sanitary measures can be summed up as follows:

Haircut at least once per month, daily personal washing, done by every man and adequately supervised. This consists of repeated washing with soap, of hands, face, neck, ears, etc., to be done in the morning, on return from marches, drill, riding practice, after fatigues, and above all, whenever the men are dirty.

Cleansing bath at least once per week, coinciding with change of laundry, Baths in sea water, lakes, rivers, during the summer season, whenever possible.

Whenever Troops are in the field or on manoeuvres, mobile baths supply the requirements of Units on the move.

The M.O. of the Unit, either during the daily visit to those reporting, or during the fortnightly inspection ordered under Art. 128 of the "Regulations for the Medical Service of the Territorial Army", checks on the hygienic condition of the men.

At present all these hygienic measures cannot be carried out in full for reasons such as:-

1. Insufficient supply of soap, not only for the requirements of the Troops, but even for the normal hygiene of hospitals and for washing of men's underwear,
2. Lack, or bad state of water installations for baths in barracks, camps etc.,
3. Scarcity and bad state of mobile baths, very often irreparable due to lack of spare parts.

It is therefore pointed out that prophylaxis of the skin cannot always be carried out as the present circumstances would make it desirable.

(sgd) The Director General  
(V. Gallarola)

The Colonel Doctor  
(V. Polosa)

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Project: Pool, swimming - Italian language.

Army Air Station, A. C. Co.,  
 12/18/46.

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Army Sub-Commission, A.S.B.,  
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RECEIVED  
1/22/44  
29 Feb. 44.

Ministero Della Guerra,  
Distribuzione Generale Di Servizi Militari.

1. I have been instructed to inform you that the Allied Medical Services desire that the Hygiene and Sanitary discipline among Italian troops should reach a high standard. This is particularly so in units working for the Allies and units in the congested port areas. As there is already a shortage of men power, every effort must be made to keep your sickness rate as low as possible.

2. It is appreciated that certain materials are at present lacking or in short supply; these shortages have been represented to P.D.M.B., A.S.B., Adv. Adv. Unit. Nevertheless a great deal can be accomplished by good unit discipline, supervision by all officers, and regular health inspections by regimental medical officers.

3. It is requested that proper sanitary arrangements be made in all camps and barracks. Officers commanding units working with the Allies are responsible for the Hygiene discipline and cleanliness of camp areas. For your guidance a list of the required measures is given below:

|                                                               |                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Latrines                                                      | Day brand type, properly fly-proofed with wooden superstructures - Floor - outside. |
| Cookhouses                                                    | Fly-proofed - Proper bins for disposal of garbage refuse.                           |
| Incinerators                                                  | For complete incineration of all refuse in the camp.                                |
| Medical inspection                                            | of all troops at least once per month.                                              |
| Disinfection of camp units and bathing facilities for troops. |                                                                                     |
| Adequate disinfection arrangements.                           |                                                                                     |
| Inoculation of all troops with B.C.G. (B. willow)             |                                                                                     |
| Hygiene inoculation of all troops in infected areas.          |                                                                                     |

4. Please advise your medical officers to liaise with the Italian officers of the British Areas. All sub-units who may be able to help in the maintenance of the camp areas.

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certificates. For your guidance a list of the required measures is given below:-

- Isolation - Day trench type, properly waterproofed with nylon super-imposition - Proper drainage.
- Condition - Waterproof - Flyer line for disposal of excrement refuse.
- Insulation - For complete insulation of all refuse in the camp.
- Medical inspection of all troops at least once per month.
- Provision of Bath House and Washing facilities for troops.
- Adequate disinfection arrangements.
- Insulation of all troops with I.D.B. and malingers with I.D.B.
- System inoculation of all troops in infected areas a.g. 1408.

4. Please advise your medical officers to liaise with the medical officers of the British Army and S.A. who may be able to help in recommending supplies of certain materials.

*Chickens*

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2 copies to:- D.D.M.S., A.T.I.C., A.T.I.C., (for information)

/W.D.

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