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Subject: Water Supply - CESANO

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A.D.M.S.
R.A.A.C.

Reference conversation RADL BRAC - ADMS. MEIA regarding water supplies to "J" H.A.U. at Cesano.

It will be appreciated if a quick visit could be made to confirm that present arrangements are not considered unsatisfactory.

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Lieut-Col.
A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MEIA)

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Translation:

From: Ministry of War. Ref: 1/5681/San.

To: M.M.I.A. Date: 10/10/45.

Subject: Sondalo Sanitorium Village.

During the meeting, held yesterday, at M.M.I.A. and ~~at~~ at which Capt. Cooper was present and in which the speedy reorganization of Sondalo Sanitorium Village under the direction of the High Comm. of Hygiene and Public Health, directed by the Italian Red Cross, was discussed, this Directorate General's representative, Lt. COL. Falbo, was asked whether the Military Authority could ~~bring~~ make its ~~cooperation~~ contribution by furnishing ambulances, equipment and personnel.

It is not possible to adhere to such ~~demands~~ request because of the ~~noted~~ defficiency of the three elements.in question and which are known to you as being such.

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Risposta al foglio

A LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.(LMIA) = R O M A =

OGGETTO: Villaggio Sanatoriale di Sondalo

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e,per conoscenza:

ALL'ALTO COMMISSARIATO PER L'IGIENE E LA SANITA' PUBBLICA -Palazzo Viminale- ROMA -

Nella riunione tenuta ieri presso codesta M.M.I.A. - Direzione Affari Civili - cui ha partecipato il Capitano COOPER,relativa alla sollecita riorganizzazione del Villaggio Sanatoriale di Sondalo sotto la Direzione dell'Alto Commissariato per l'Igiene e la Sanità Pubblica ed in gestione alla C.R.I.,é stato chiesto al rappresentante di questa Direzione Generale Ten.Col.Med. FALBO se l'Autorità Militare avesse potuto apportare il suo contributo fornendo autoambulanze e materiali e personale.-

Non é possibile aderire a tale richiesta per le note deficienze di tutti e tre gli elementi,di cui codesta L.F.S.C.,A.C. ne é a conoscenza.-

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Pel MINISTRO
S. Fadda

Lieutenant
Med. Medical

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SUBJECT:- Health State.

Medical Directorate,
G.H.Q. C.M.F.
M.6035/7.
17 Dec. 45.

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To:- Senior Medical Officer,
Air F.C. R.A.F. ITALY.

Land Forces Sub Commission,
A.C. (MMIA),
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Major-General, D.M.S.

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HEALTH STATE - OCTOBER 1945 (BRITISH ARMY MALE AND FEMALE)

	Whole Force	Italy & Austria
Total cases diagnosed in all Medical Units:	307.95	365.58
Sickness:	351.12	332.36
Injuries:	36.82	33.21
MORBIDITY STATE (Includes cases treated as out-patients in unit M.I. Rooms)		
Alimentary Diseases:	74.47	66.29
Respiratory Diseases (Excluding Common cold):	107.87	104.02
Nervous Diseases:	0.25	0.14
Skin Diseases: (Excluding Scabies)	330.78	318.59
Mental Diseases:	4.62	3.97
Venereal Diseases:	83.15	81.52
Pediculosis (Ph pubis)	56.89	52.02
(capitis & corporis)	4.24	4.32
Scabies:	84.12	84.18
Common Cold:	125.35	123.25
Infective Hepatitis:	18.30	18.13
Malaria:	7.17	6.99
Dysentery:	2.32	1.96
Diarrhoea: (incl. Clinical Dysentery)	51.54	44.22
Diphtheria:	1.72	1.95
Enteric Group:	0.31	0.20
Poliomyelitis:	0.25	0.14
Scarlet Fever	1.50	0.85

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STATE - OCTOBER 1945 (BRITISH ARMY MALE AND FEMALE)

	Whole Force	Italy	Austria	Greece	M. Forces
Medical Units:	387.95	363.58		504.53	523.49
	351.12	332.36		497.30	495.45
	36.82	33.21		67.22	28.04
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g Common cold):	74.47	66.29		137.09	154.44
ies)	107.87	104.02		134.16	196.31
	0.25	0.24		1.17	
	330.78	318.59		403.95	771.22
	4.62	3.97		9.68	9.3
	83.15	81.52 X		93.35	135.54
)	56.89	52.02		91.88	140.22
	4.24	4.32		3.81	
	84.12	84.18		80.73	130.87
	125.35	123.25		130.34	322.51
	18.30	18.13		19.96	14.02
	7.17	6.99		8.80	4.67
ntary)	2.32	1.56		8.21	9.34
	51.54	44.22		107.44	126.20
	1.72	1.95			
	0.31	0.28		0.58	
	0.25	0.14		1.17	
	1.50	0.85		7.04	

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Medical Directorate,
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To : Senior Medical Officer,
Air HQ, RAF,
ITALY.

Land Forces Sub-Commission,
A.C. (MMIA),
ROME.

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Major-General, D.M.S.

Medical Branch
Land Forces Sub Commission
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HEALTH STATE - SEPTEMBER 1945 (BRITISH ARMY IN ITALY AND FRANCE)

	Whole Force	Italy & Austria
Total cases diagnosed in all Medical Units.	425.75	386.57
Sickness	385.89	348.97
Injuries	39.85	37.60
MORBIDITY STATE (Includes cases treated as out-patients in unit M.I. Rooms)		
Alimentary Diseases	100.42	94.47
Respiratory Diseases	98.47	95.69
Nervous Diseases	0.33	0.37
Skin Diseases	336.87	325.77
Mental Diseases	5.58	5.33
Venereal Diseases	73.52	69.02
Pediculosis Ph. pubis	41.25	36.27
Capitus & Corporis	2.67	2.58
Scabies	56.98	56.59
Infective Hepatitis	23.13	23.40
Malaria	11.96	11.48
Dysentery	3.24	3.22
Diarrhoea (incl. Clinical Dysentery)	72.58	66.41
Diphtheria	1.39	1.49
Enteric Group	0.45	0.44
Poliomyelitis	0.30	0.33
Sandfly Fever	12.14	8.79

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SEPTEMBER 1945 (BRITISH AUTOMOBILE AND PETROL)

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	Whole Force	Italy & Austria	Greece	N.Africa
	425.75	386.57	762.57	647.33
	385.89	348.97	702.95	600.18
	39.85	37.60	59.62	47.15
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t. Rooms)				
	100.42	94.47	145.84	214.35
	98.47	95.69	116.19	201.48
	0.33	0.37		
	336.87	325.77	410.94	698.78
	5.58	5.33	7.63	17.14
	73.52	69.02	110.07	128.61
	41.25	36.27	85.61	47. 15
	2.67	2.58	3.6	
	56.98	56.59	61.15	47.15
	23.13	23.40	21.09	17.14
	11.96	11.48	14.67	34.29
	3.24	3.22	3.36	4.28
	72.58	66.41	119.85	188.62
	1.39	1.49	0.61	
	0.45	0.44	0.3	4.28
	0.30	0.33		
	12.14	8.79	43.11	

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NOTES

(1) Rates are based on GHQ. 2nd Echelon strengths and no allowance has been made for personnel on leave.

(2) Alimentary Diseases comprise:-

Brucellosis (all types)
Cholera
Dysentery Protozoal (confirmed)
" Bacillary (")
" Hepatitis (amoebic)
Diarrhoea (incl. Clinical Dysentery)
Enteric Fever - Typhoid
" " - Para-typhoid A.B.C.
" " - Clinical
Food Poisoning.
Helminthiasis - Schistosomiasis
" - Ankylostomiasis
" - Others
Jaundice - Infective Hepatitis
" - Spirochaetosis Icter-Haemorrhagica
" - Post-Arsphenamine
" - Other Causes.

(3) Respiratory Diseases comprise:-

Anthrax
Diphtheria (Faucial, Laryngeal, Nasal)
Influenza
Pneumonia - Acute Lobar or Primary
" - Primary Atypical or Virus
" - Bronchopneumonia (to include Influenzal)
Tuberculosis - Pulmonary
Tonsilitis and Pharyngitis.

(4) Nervous Diseases comprise:-

Diphtheria - Polyneuritis
Hydrophobia
Meningitis, Meningococcal (C.S.F.)
Poliomyelitis and Polio-encephalitis
Tetanus

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Diphtheria Cutaneous.
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Diptheria Cutaneous.
Leishmaniasis Cutaneous (Oriental Sore)
Skin Conditions:- Boils, Carbuncles and Cellulitis
Other Septic Conditions (i) Traumatic
(ii) Non-Traumatic
(iii) Unspecified
Epidermophytosis - Groin
" - Feet
Impetigo
Pulphomedia Dermatitis

(6) Mental Diseases comprise:-

Mental Conditions (a) Mental Deficiency (b) Psychosis
(c) Psychoneurosis and Psychopathic Personality.
Exhaustion (P.T.U.)

(7) Venereal Diseases comprise:-

V.D. Syphilis (i) Early (to include Primary & Secondary)
" (ii) Late
Urethritis (i) Smear + ve G.C.
(ii) " - ve G.C.
(iii) Not Tested.
Vaginitis or Cervicitis (i) Smear or Culture + ve G.C.
" " (ii) " " " - ve G.C.
" " (iii) Not tested.
Lymphogranuloma Inguinale
Chancroid

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Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.T.A.)
ROME
M/2/3508
24 Nov.45

LHS GHQ
CMF

May a copy of the monthly GHQ Health State please be forwarded to this office both now and in the future.

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Lieut-Col.
A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (M.T.A.)

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Subject: Water Supply - CENANO

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (SHAEF)
RAF
11/21/3.68
23 Nov 45

G.C.
Lt. R.A.M.
Pte. Gr. A.C.
Cenano

The attached report, which has just been received in this office, concerning water supplies at Cenano, is forwarded for your information.

You will have noted a copy of the attached report for the files

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Lieut-Col.
A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (SHAEF)

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Subject: Water Supply - CESANO

2nd November 1945

To: The Surgeon,
R.A.A.C.

An investigation of the water supply at 'F' BLU., CESANO was carried out on 1st Nov 45.

This is a Liaison Unit with Italian troops, who are housed in a bombed chemical works and adjacent houses and barracks.

These works have been used previously for the production of mustard gas and associated products.

Water for all purposes in this area is drawn from a well situated in the chemical works area. This well is approximately 50 ft deep and is steined with concrete. Water is pumped to a concrete water tower from which it gravitates to the area of the estate.

At the time of inspection it was not possible to contact the engineer in charge of the plant on account of a public holiday.

A Horrocks Test was carried out at a tap in the buildings occupied by 'F' BLU., and the result found to be a first cup. This unit has been visited previously and a test carried out at that time gave the same result.

The unit has a drinking water tank and is at present superchlorinating at a dosage of 2 scoops per 100 gallons. A colour test on the water from the tank did not show any result but the water tasted of Taste Remover.

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(sgd) xxxxxxxxx
Lieut. R.A.M.C.
O.C. 25 Field Sanitary Section.

Field.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
APO 794 US ARMY

SUBJECT: Water Supply - CESANO. Ref: Med(Br)444.

A.D.M.S.,
Land Forces Sub Commission,
A.C. (MMIA).

M/2/3460

Reference your letter M/2/3375 dated 30 Oct 45.

Attached report from O.C., 25 Field Sanitary Section on the Water Supply at CESANO is forwarded for information.

For the SURGEON:

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E.LISTER CARTER,
Major RAMC.,
D.A.D.H.

4 Nov 45.
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The attached report, which has just been received in this office concerning water supplies at Cesano is forwarded for your info.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Health Sub-Commission

AC/3118/PH 15 October 1945

SUBJECT: - Merano Repatriation Hospitals

TO : - (SEE DISTRIBUTION)

M/2/3312

Herewith for information, copy of Minutes of meeting held on 9th October at this Headquarters on the subject of Merano Repatriation Hospitals.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

Medical

C. M. FRIBELLE, Colonel
Deputy Director
Public Health Sub-Commission

DISTRIBUTION:
Lt Col Snedeker, OC Merano Repatriation Hospital Command, c/o FW Bolzano.
Major Reede, Firenze Sub-Commission, HQ AC.
Captain Cooper, MMIA, HQ AC.
Mr. Sigariet, ARC, Marano.
Miss Katherine Sesmith, ARC. Piazza Barberini, Rome.
Miss Josephine Molinaro " " " "
Prof Salimens, Office of the High Commissioner for Public Health, Rome.
Dr. Peretti, " " " " " " " " "
Dr. Canepecia " " " " " " " " "
Dr. Zanotti-Bianco, Pres Italian Red Cross, Via Toscana, 12, Rome.
Marquis Ugo Theodoli, Secy-Gen " " " " " " "
Lt Colonel Falbo, Italian Ministry of War, Rome.
Prof. Chiaretti, Ministry of Post War Assistance, Italian Government, Rome.
Doctor Leggeri, Previdenza Sociale, Via Marco Minghetti 22, Rome.
Dr. Alique' " " " " " " "
Dr Corticiano " " " " " " "

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Health Sub-Commission

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 9th, 1945 IN MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF A.C. ON THE SUBJECT OF MORANO REPATRIATION HOSPITALS.

PRESENT.

Colonel T.N.	Page, Director, Public Health Sub-Commission
Colonel G.M.	Frizzelle, Deputy Director, Public Health Sub-Commission
Lt.Colonel L.	Snedeker, Director, Morano Repatriation Hospitals
Major	Reede, Finance Sub-Commission
Captain	Cooper, M.M.I.A.
Mr.	Sigerist, A.R.C., Morano
Miss Katherine	Sesmith, A.R.C. Headquarters, Rome
Miss Josephine	McNamara, A.R.C. " "
Prof.	Solimano, for High Commissioner for Hygiene and Public Health
Dr.	Perrotti, for Italian Public Health
Prof.	Canaperia, for Italian Public Health
Prof.	Zanotti Bianco, President I.R.C.
Marquis	Theodoli, General Secretary I.R.C.
Lt.Colonel	Falbo, for Italian Ministry of War
Prof.	Chiarotti, for Ministry of Post War Assistance
Dr.	Leggeri, for Previdenza Sociale
Dr.	Aliquo', " " "
Ing.	Coriglione " "

Col.Page. Opens the conference by saying that Col.Snedeker has come from Morano with several problems connected with the functioning of the Morano hospitals. Suggests that Col.Snedeker himself should present those problems with a view to have them solved at this meeting, if possible. States that time is the important factor, and that the meeting should confine itself with facts, leaving side issues alone.

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Prof.	Chierotti,	for Ministry of Post War Assistance
Dr.	Leggeri,	for Previdenza Sociale
Dr.	Aliegro',	" " "
Ing.	Corigliano	" "

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1.Personnel. It is felt that personnel is now sufficient. On September 29 there were 1137 persons employed, but there is a shortage of technical people (X ray, maintenance, etc.) They are also short of nurses and medical specialists.

2. Supplementary food, to be secured from provinces south of Bolzano. Transport is available but is not all in functioning order. Twenty-two cars are running out of 53. This is vital. Colonel Snedeker continues, stating that only when they will have proper technical personnel will they be able to meet all difficulties. A central laboratory for accurate diagnosis is now functioning for the benefit of all hospitals. There are also German personnel under the 2nd District. The central laboratory formerly existing in Merano has been reorganized and will be used also for the Germans working on the railway line at the Brenner, because to send personnel and equipment north for these workers would be waste of energy. This laboratory is already functioning.

Colonel Pace. Asks whether anyone present would like to put some questions.

Prof.Solimene. Thinks it is better to hear the whole story first.

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Lt.Col.Snelaker. States that he will now deal with the second phase of operations It is not known yet how many Italians will arrive from Germany in the future. Lately a transport train arrived from Mittenbach, and it was learnt that there were another 600 Italians there. Rumours would have it that there are another 10.000 sick Italians awaiting repatriation in Germany. This information is of course subject to confirmation. The present number of beds at Merano is sufficient provided that a steady flow of convalescents to the south can be maintained. So far, one half of the Italians arriving are being sent to the south after two weeks permanence in Merano. Naturally there is an increasing backlog. As at September 28 there were nearly 2000 patients in Merano, 664 would be sent to the South into the provinces where they belong. As soon as possible it must be arranged for these people to be transferred to hospitals in the provinces where they are domiciled. This cannot be arranged in detail during this meeting, but should be done as soon as possible. To an inquiry from Prof. Camperio, Lt.Col.Snelaker replies that the patients are not all T.B. cases, but suffer from various complaints. There is also a group of 50 amputees that should be taken care of. -- At this point Lt.Col.Snelaker resumes what he has already said, for the benefit of the representatives of the "Providenza Sociale", who have just joined the conference. -- Continuing, Col.Snelaker states that another problem is constituted by the long term care of T.B patients in the small Hotels of Merano, where the equipment is not adequate nor satisfactory. One should bear in mind that Merano is a tourist resort, and the people of Merano are afraid of infection. The present policy is likely to depreciate the Hotels. It is assured that the I.R.C. has an emergency responsability which however does not cover a long term care of these patients. The Merano Repatriation Hospital Project have to abide by a time table. It can be said now that the Merano Repatriation Project will continue to function in Merano, with a slight reduction in personnel, up to November 15 and after that, for an indefinite period, Mr.Sigerist of the A.R.C. will carry on. It is felt that Mr.Sigerist is very suited for this post on account of his qualifications, background and appreciation of the northern situation. However, it is necessary to know what the Italian Government Agencies intend to do about this question. When the Italian Mission went up to Merano, it was said in an indefinite way that the Sanatorium at Sondalo would be used and would be ready for the spring. Now, Mr.Sigerist has worked in the province of Sondrio and has reported on it. Another report came from the Italian Government. Sondalo is very well suited for T B care. At present the Sanatorium there is occupied by a small group of children receiving preventive attention. Let it be noted that to heat one pavillon requires as much fuel as to heat three or four pavillons. 250 tons of fuel per month have been supplied. Negotiation with the Military have been carried out and the assurance has been given that enough equipment of all sorts for Sondalo can be secured from captured sources (of Italian origin). But all this must be done quickly, or this equipment will gradually disappear. Priority must be claimed. No one can say that any better medical priority exists than for the problem of refugees and T B patients. There is a great fear that if one waits till the spring, there will be a tendency to loose all these materials, or at any rate

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Colonel Page. Points out that it would be a question for the Health Department and not the Ministry of Interior.

Professor Salimeno. This field is now entirely covered by the High Commissionership for Public Health.

Lt.Col.Snedeker. Takes note of this information. The Public Health Commissioner should appoint a man with experience in T B work. He should organize Sondalo for reception, while the M.A.P. organizes to supply him with equipment from any source. Lt.Col.Snedeker suggests that Mr.Sigerist may have some words to all.

Mr.Sigerist. States that an empty Sanatorium is no good. Means and money to equip it must be found as soon as possible. Believes there is a possibility to have the whole Sanatorium ready for the spring. Once an effort is made by us we shall get help also from other sources. The Swiss would be ready to send specialists and material. There is a great possibility in this plan, and the equipment would eventually be left with the Providenza Sociale.

Lt.Col.Snedeker. For the time being the situation is somewhat nebulous and we can not get other sources to actually help.

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Col.Trizzino. Asks what assistance, if any, can be secured from the Italian Army.
Lt.Col.Sneideker. Assuming that MMLA or No.2 District takes charge, a mobile unit from the Italian Army would be required. It is further assumed that the Italian Army may provide personnel and transport.
Col.Pace. Would such assistance be used for military patients or civilians ?
Captain Cooper. Those people are all considered as civilians. All of these. We have the "over 60 days" hospital paid by the Ministry of War and we could arrange to secure equipment from Military Hospitals.
Col.Trizzino. Also, if No.2 District disappears, we may have to fall on the Italian Army for transport.
Lt.Col.Sneideker. The accord between I.R.C., the Order of Malta and the Comite' Militare provides for collaboration among those agencies specifically in favour of the "refuci". Therefore, while from MMLA no assistance is given to civilians, the above accord allows such assistance through the collaboration among the I.R.C., the Order of Malta and the Comite' Militare, and this has proved very useful.
Marquis Theodoli. Points out that there is a convention that contemplates the collaboration among I.R.C., the Order of Malta and the Comita' Militare for the assistance to the refugees and also contemplates the employment of personnel. This convention applies to the whole of Italy.
Col.Pace. To sum up, Lt.Col.Sneideker has suggested that what is required from the military are transport, personnel and permission to use stores, and the mobile unit to use material now located in Merano.
Col.Palmo. I will refer the matter to my Ministry (of War) and will be able to give an answer in two or three days.
Col.Pace. How much personnel is needed ?
Marquis Theodoli. It would be for the new Commissioner to say that.
Col.Pace. When the shift to Sondalo is made, how much of Merano will be cut down?
Lt.Col.Sneideker. About 4 hotels and 2000 beds, and the relative staff could be transferred to Sondalo.
M.Theodoli. The personnel recruited locally may refuse to go to Sondalo.
Col.Pace. It could be fired in Merano and re-engaged in Sondalo.
M.Theodoli. If it is true that there are another 10.000 sick Italians in Germany then Merano could not be cut down. In fact it would become overcrowded.
Prof.Soldiano. I learn with great pleasure that after the former chaos, there has been a marked improvement. The cause of chaos was lack of organization and the sudden influx of refugees.
Col.Pace. One part only of Merano must be closed down, while Sondalo is being opened up. That is all right provided there are no further sudden influxes of refugees in Merano.

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Prof.Sollmens. Both on political and practical grounds the Italian Government have no desire to keep Moreno as a T B hospital town. But it was necessary to chose Moreno for this temporary task, as it is on the way from Germany to Italy, close to the border. One must reckon, however, with refugees still coming from Germany and the Italian Government desire to have a locality near the frontier, where the bulk of the patients can be received. It will therefore be necessary to keep Moreno open, at least in part, for some time to come.
Col.Page. Sondalo must be an addition and not an alternative to Moreno.
Col.Tirelli. Most assuredly we must keep Moreno open.
Prof.Sollmens. Agrees. At least until such time as all the Nansen have arrived. Points out that they are not all T B patients. Suggests that Moreno is a centralising and departure station for all sick refugees. The Italian Government attention has been drawn on Sondalo for many months. They lack material. If assistance can be obtained in the way of fuel, transport, equipment etc., it will be possible and in the interest of the Italian Government to have Sondalo functioning at an early date.
Mr.Sigvaldason. If the scheme refers to only one part of Sondalo, then we have already enough fuel for some months to come.
Col.Page. Since there is a chance to open up Sondalo, let us go ahead. A beginning must be made and then there will be progress. But it must be done at once, even if we have to start in a small way.
M.Tinelli. Moreno is short of personnel - that is - technicians, X ray, specialised doctors and nurses.
Lt.Col.Shelmerdine. We have now 150 nurses. I am not prepared to state now how many more are required. I am stating things as they are. Let the I.R.C. in Geneva say how many they want.
M.Tinelli. As a matter of fact steps have been already taken and there are 50 nurses on their way to Moreno now. I understand that the personnel are complaining about clothing.
Lt.Col.Shelmerdine As regards clothing there have been several shippings of clothes for the personnel.
Col.Page. As I see it, the things to be done are : 1. Co-operation between Provveditorato Sociale and Public Health; 2. The equipment will remain there when the medical problem is solved. 3. Selection of a Commissioner. The essence of the whole thing is time.
Colonel Page then thanks everyone for their attendance. The conference is adjourned.

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Translation

From: Min of W
To: MMIA and other addressees as per original

Ref. no. 4/2768/I.S.
Date: Sept. 14th 1945

(— for information, in pursuance of letter No. 4/2711 I.S. dated the 11th inst.

(Copy of telegram)
From: Medical Directorate, Bari at Taranto
To: Ministry of War, Medical Directorate, Rome

No. 678 Stop Summary (of) progress (of) endemic (at) Taranto as of 12th inst. total twelve cases comma one City area, one Statte hamlet, one Tarsano hamlet area, one Grottaglie commune Stop All (are) 1 workmen and civilian employees shipping shed (at) shipyard Stop Total deaths: five Stop Armed Forces are unaffected Stop One case of typhus (found) in a peddler at Taranto, sero-diagnosis 1:400 Stop Anti-pestilence vaccine is awaited to start vaccination of Army Stop Interim Director Lt. Col. Ambrosio

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Translation

From: Min of War
To: Various addresses as per original
MMIA

Ref No 4/780/I.S.
Date: Sept. 17, 1945

– for information; please note that the Medical Directorate of the Bari Army Corps informed us by telephone that yesterday two additional cases of pestilence – one of which lethal – occurred among the civilians working at the shipping shed of the Taranto shipyard.

All military personnel of the Italian Army stationed in Taranto have completed the first anti-pestilence vaccination and have begun the second one.

Signed S. Faldo

(copy of telegram)
From: Bari Medical Directorate at Taranto
To: Medical Directorate – Rome

2076/I.S. Stop Epidemic situation (at) Taranto (during) last 24 hours (is) unchanged. Stop No further deaths Stop Armed Forces (are) unaffected Stop effective yesterday Royal Italian Navy has cancelled prohibition on shore leaves for vaccinated personnel Stop Lt. Col. Ambrosi.

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Translation

From : MOW - Med. Directorate
To : Medical Directorate of Bari Mi. Terr. Command
Info : AMMA
Subject : Prophylactic measures for cases of bubonic plague among civilians at Taranto.

Ref. : 4/2711/I.S.
Date : Sept. 11, 1945

With reference to the signal reporting 10 cases of bubonic plague (with 4 deaths) verified at Taranto on civilian workers at the Navy arsenal, please carry out the following prophylactic measures, according to the instructions already issued to you by phone:

1. Immediate inspection by the Medical Director who, after having contacted the local medical authorities of the Italian Navy (Medical Col. Monteduro and Medical Lt. Col. Delle Monica), will take, in relation to the existing situation, the most severe defensive measures, which will be extended to all of the units of the Italian Army located in the Taranto Terr. Area.

2. Send to Taranto the Disinfection Section with suitable means to combat rats and fleas. According to the agreements made with the Medical Directorate of the Ministry for the Navy, quantities of sodium cyanide can be issued on the spot by the Medical Lt. Col. Delle Monica. In any case, please keep in mind that for the extermination of rats, best results are also obtained by using sulphurous anhidride.

The disinfestation operations will be carried out in those billets where the presence of said animals, which are so dangerous in regard to the spreading of the plague, have been verified.

3. Maximum care of individual hygiene in all of the units, with frequent baths and changes of linen, and extra soap issues. The collective medical inspections in which the doctors examine with particular attention the glandular system, especially in the groin and armpit regions, will be made daily.

4. Urgent and complete anti-plague vaccinations to be checked with maximum vigor in order to prevent the military personnel (including officers) from avoiding this immunization.
The vaccine required will be sent to the Acenfor Mil. Hosp. at Taranto by this Central Directorate by means of a medical officer.

5. Prompt isolation, in isolation wards, of all of the sick who have suspected symptoms.

6. Strict quarantine for seven days of all of the personnel billeted in the same barrack where a case of the plague, even if only suspected, is verified.

7. Continuation of the measure for confinement to barracks on [illegible]

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The vaccine required will be sent to the Acanfora Mil. Hosp. at Ferento by this Central Directorate by means of a medical officer.

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6. Strict quarantine for seven days of all of the personnel billeted in the same barrack where a case of the plague, even if only suspected, is verified.

7. Continuation of the measure for confinement to barracks as long as you may deem necessary.

The results of the inspection carried out by the Medical Director, together with a detailed report on the situation verified and on the prophylactic measures taken for the various units of the Italian Army, must be sent immediately to the undersigned.

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(Sgd) Fedele

Cpl. VDS

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Translation

From: Min of W, Medical Directorate
To: Various addressees as per original
M.M.I.A. for info.

Ref. No. 4/2710/I.S.
Rome, Sept. 11, 1945

Subject: V.D. - necessity to intensify prophylactic measures.

Monthly summaries of infectious diseases and medical and hygienic reports received by this Ministry show that the trend of V.D. is - with some units - in a markedly ascending phase and that, in most cases, venereal prophylaxis is neglected.

As already printed out in previous circulars issued in the matter, the spread of V.D. infection not only cuts down the efficiency of the units involved, but worsens the physical and moral difficulties of the citizens of this country.

The considerable difficulties ~~with~~ which the control of brothels has to contend with under present conditions, the frequent transfers of units from one region to another, the swelling numbers of gradually returning PW's and war veterans, are all factors requiring decisive action in the enactment of prophylactic measures against the spread of the disease in question.

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Trusting that this problem will be met with understanding by all medical organs under our command and that the HQ's will give us their indispensable and active cooperation, we wish to call your attention once more to the main points in the fight against VD, which may be summarized as follows:

— step up educational programs at all units in order to make soldiers more hygiene-conscious and improve their moral attitude, and illustrate in simple and convincing language the dangers lurking behind the current laxity in sexual matters and the consequences - often permanent - of VD, not only upon the body of the victim

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but also on his family and offspring.

— Call the men's particular attention to the dangers of underhanded prostitution, not subject to any kind of control.

— restore the periodical collective medical inspection at all units where it is not regularly carried out, possibly ordering that it be held weekly, and making sure that no one is allowed to miss it: such medical inspection is the safest means of controlling individual cleanliness and spotting skin parasitoses and V.D. and for evaluating possible disturbances in the general physical condition:

— reorganize at each unit E.T. rooms and ensure proper operation thereof, so as to be certain that they are at all times supplied with the prescribed chemicals and necessary material.

— ensure the enactment of individual prophylaxis, to the extent that available means make this possible; in this connection each territory will be allotted as soon as possible a certain amount of prophylactic supplies to be issued free.

— Keep constantly in close touch with civilian medical authorities, in order to furnish a positive contribution — in every case of infection — to the progress

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— ensure that every fresh case of infection is promptly diagnosed and reported to civilian medical authorities.

In order to ensure the coordination and control of the various prophylactic measures, Territorial Medical Directorates will order frequent inspections at all units under their command, to be carried out by their Senior M. O.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Signed: S. Fadda

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TRANSLATION

From: M.C.W.
To: See ad ressees

Date: 10/9/45
Ref: 219720/11

Subject: Plague

For information to M.M.I.A.

Plague cases have been reported amongst the labourers at Taranto Navy Arsenal. We hereby order with immediate effect and until further order the stoppage of leaves of all kinds, and especially to military personnel under your command from and to Taranto. Please acknowledge

R.ERRERA.Cpl

(Sgd) Col. Lombardi

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TEN CASES P L A G U E IN ITALIAN ARMY T A R A N T O AREA (.)

REQUEST IMMEDIATE RELEASE TWENTY THOUSAND DOSES OF SERUM (.)

WHERE MAY WE COLLECT (.)

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

Sgd S. M. INGLEDEW LT.-COL.

FOR G.C.C. MMIA

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Translation

10 Aug 45

Fro M of War

Ref 6/6154/6867

To SMRE

For Infor MMIA

Subject - Transport of Material belonging to the 15th Disinfectant Section.

As it is noted the 15th Disinfectant Section(formerly 36th D.S.) was assigned with a complete scale of equipment in addition to that which was already in its possession, for the purpose of increasing its efficiency in accordance with the peculiar duties for which the said section is destined.

This issue of material (which has been made in accordance with the estimate ~~given to cover the pending~~ duties which will be carried out by the Unit in Toscana) was sent, however, to the Military Hospital Florence where it is being held at the moment.

The MMIA has now informed us that the Unit in question, which has been placed temporarily at the disposal of the Displaced Persons Sub Commission, A.C., will be transferred from Rome in the very near future(where it is being mustered) to Pescantina near Verona.

In consequence, this Directorate General has armanged for the transfer of said material from the Florence Military Hospital to that of Verona, from where the 15th D.S., will draw the material on its arrival at its new location.

Therefore, we beg you to arrange urgently the transport of the a/m material, which will require 3 truck loads.

L. Carme

Sgd Fadda 1571

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Translation

From M. W. Mil. Gen Health Dir. Ref 6/6091/6882
To Mil. Hos. "S Gallo" Florence Date 11/8/45
Mil. Hos. Dir. Verona
15° Disinfection Sec. "Bianchi" Barracks
for info M.M.I.A.

Subject Transfer from Florence to Verona of materials for the 15° Dis. Sec.

The L.F.S.C. A.C. (M.M.I.A.) has informed us that the 15° Dis. Sec. (~~already~~ 36° Dis. Sec.)put at the tempory disposal of the Displaced Persons Subcomm.-A.C.-is to be transfered ,as soon as possible,from Rome to Pescantine,near Verona.
Consequently,the mil. hos Dir."S Gallo" of Florence ~~orders~~ will arrange for the grant and dispatch,to the Verona Mil. Hos. of the whole allottment of materials for disinfection sections,sent there in the ~~the~~ past by the mobilisation stores of the mil. hos? "Virgilio" Rome, ~~further to that order1 by us~~ in accordance with our orders in letter 6/2681/3201 dated 13/4/45. The materials concerned will have to be sent immediately to destination under escort,making certain that the personel,entrusted to the task,are sufficiently instructed as to the duty to be carried out and on the responsability derived from any mishandling or stealing of the objects.
S.M.R.E. has been informed for the transport,and will issue the necssary instructions.
The Verona Hosd.,after having received the a/m material will take care of it in its own stores,in order to afterwards grant it to the 15° Dis. Sec.,who on its arrival at destination,will arrange for the withdrawal of the said material.
The aforesaid Verona mil. hos. will,besides,inform us as to the settlement of;the matter.

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Translation

3 Aug. 45

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From M of War

To MMIA for Info, (Ref. letter M/2/2791 of July 30, 1945)

Subject - Reinforcements sent from 802 Camp, Orvieto to 806 Camp, Forli.

M/2/2791

With reference to that which the writer has pointed out in letter, reference 4/2363/I.S. dated 27 July last, [illegible], the MMIA has informed us that "the Kit Bags and Knapsacks are available at once provided the indents are sent through the proper channels."

The Military Territorial Commands to whom this letter is addressed will therefore give the necessary instructions.

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S Fadda

L. Carmelo

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To - Military Territorial Command Rome - see letter 13961 - 25/7/45

To- Military Territorial Command Bologna. - see letter 4/2363/I.S - 27/7/45

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Subject: 15 Hygiene Section

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMA)
ROME
M/2/2842
4 Aug 45.

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

15 Hygiene Section, lent to Displaced Persons Sub Comission, A.C. are to move to FRASCATINA near VEROLA next week by train.

Exact day and time of departure from Rome is not yet known. They should be warned to be prepared to move at short notice.

J.F.H.

Lieut-Col.
A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMA)

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Subject: 1805 B.P.D. Cyclists

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (ISTA)
ROME
M/2/2796
30 July 45

Ministry of War.
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

Reference your 4/2363/I.S. of 27 July 45, paragraph 3.

Kitbags and packs are readily available provided that indents are submitted through the appropriate channels.

A.W.J. Cooper,
Staff Capt.
for A.D.L.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (ISTA)

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Translation

From M. of W. Gen.Dir.Mil.Health — Ref: 4/2363/IS
To M.M.I.A. — Date 27/7/45
(Ref. Letter N.2/2628 of II/7/45) M/2/2691

Subject Reserves sent from 802 camp of Orvieto to 806 camp Forli.

Further to letter N° 4/2244/IS of I4/7/45.
The senior hygiene medical officer of the Health Dir. of Rome Terr. H.Q. has carried out ,I8/7/45,the hygiene-saitary inspection at the 802 reserve transit camp,requested by you.
From the inspection it appears:
I)Reserves sent from Orvieto to Forli to the 806 camp
The reserves sent to Forli on 28/6/45 all underwent,before leaving,a medical inspection,with the veiw to checking physical fitness and freedom from ecto-parasites or dermatitus (lice,scabies)
The result of such inspection has proved the statements made by camp medical officers on the nominal rolls.
The cases of lice, found amongst the reserves on their arrival at Forli,~~would be~~ would be,most probably,due to:
Dirty conditions of the trains which reached Orvieto station just before the departure and for which it was not possible to arrange for the necessary thorough cleaning and disinfection
The hygiene conditions of the Forli trasit camp premisses,that, according to that stated by escort commanders of groups,were unsatisfactory.
2) Hygiene-Sanitary conditions of camp 806 of Orvieto
Exellent as regards barracks,storageand the functioning of hygiene and kitchen equipment.
Cleanliness of O.R's, good;
Hygiene state: good both as regards skin,clothes and antilice precautions.
Disinfecting installations are in complete working order. The service is well orgenised.In the month of May 25.784 lots of clothing were deadt with.
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Concerning this it is opportune to consider that the clothing issued is second hand material repaired and distributed since the month of April I945.

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2) Hygiene-Sanitary conditions of camp 606 of Orvieto

Exellent as regards barracks, storageand the functioning of hygiene and kitchen equipment.

Cleanliness of O.R.s, good;

Hygiene state: good both as regards skin, clothes and antilice precautions.

Disinfecting installations are in complete working order. The service is well organised. In the month of May 25.784 lots of clothing were dealt with.

Condition of clothing and equipment

The conditions of clothing and equipment was good, in some cases exellent.

Concerning this it is opportune to consider that the clothing issued is second hand meterial repaired and distributed since the month of April 1945.

In consideration of their previous wear and the wear undergone since April, we must admit that some of the articles are not in good condition.

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Specially felt is the lack of a kitbag or pack, by such allottment would be avoided during moves the carrying of parcels, boxes and such things giving the appearance of tramps.

Responsability Discipline

From that reported in basis of enquiries at the Orvieto camp and that checked at the camp itself, we think that no responsibility can be attached to the commandant of the 802 Transit camp of Orvieto regarding the complaints received.

5) Situation Hygiene-saitary of the 806 camp of Forli

The results of the enquiry have been forwarded to you in letter N. 4/2117/IS. Of the 4° Imm.

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Translation.

From:- Ministry of War. Ref:- 4/23444/1.S.

To:- Direzione Roma. Date:-

M.M.I.A. for information

The Bologna Medical Direzione points out that on the 29th of May at 13.00 hrs 517 men coming from Orvieto Training Centre were infected by parasites and poorly dressed. Please arrange for one Sanitary Officer to inspect urgently the Object to Camp to ascertain Hygienic & Sanitary conditions and make enquiries concerning a/m inconveniences Please report result of enquiries pointing out responsibilities and suggest also concerning disciplinary action to be taken. Signed: Faddan

4/2/2691

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Translation

Ref. 1347

Date 11 July 45

From Unit Tra. HQ

To Recruit Trng. Centres

Subject Individual Hygiene.

It appears that from the Recruit Trng Centre near Tunisia/Mediterranean Zone the have been transferred to Tunis recently a number of military personel infested with lice.

You are req. to carry out with the strictest attention the personel hygiene orders, repeatedly prescribed by the directorate, specially as regards parasitical baths, state of cleanliness, the collective sanitary visits in order to ascertain further cases of infestation and arrange for their immediate delousing. Such basic personel hygiene orders will be enforced by o/cs and M.O's of units and in a way to assure themselves that no soldier escapes it.

Kindly inform Col. Medical directorate Guerra Vincenzo.

M/2/2692 Ref. 4/2245/15.

Date 14 July 45.

From Sub C

To Sub Tr. Ctr

In c/o forward to telegram 4/2245/15 of same date and awaiting to inform you, as soon as possible, the result of the enquiry the progress at the Recruit Trng. Centre, Gorizia.

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Sadola

M/2/2690

D.A.K.

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Translation

From HQ 3rd Inf Div Rome Sanitary Detachment Ref. 1347/15

To Recruit Training center Date 11/7/45
for info U.S.A.

Subject Individual Hq.

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Translation.

From:- M of W. Ref:- 4/2223/13

To:- Copy to MMIA. Date:- 12th VII. 45.

With reference to telephone conversation and begging you to give us information concerning the stocks of the vaccine used for reinforcements that recently left Naples for Puglia. Signed. Taddia.

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M/2/2689

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Trans Station.

From:- Puglia & Lucania Sanitary Directorate
To:- Medical General Directorate Rome.

Ref: 1529/I.S.DATA

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We inform you that enquiries on Pte Canuso Nittolo's death are almost over. Report to follow immediately. A/M soldier had been vaccinated at Naples on June the 5th with reinforcements group. Same soldier was admitted to hospital on the 16th of June owing to post vaccination manual abscess with infection and broncho-pneumonia followed by ibrothyphus. The soldier died owing to peritonitis. The disease was immediately diagnosed and adequate therapic measures were taken. D [illegible]

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is not to be imputed to vaccination because same has been used for other 20 soldiers. We presume this to be a form of typhoid fever. The subject was a carrier and his disease coincided with vaccination owing to particular qualities: the soldier was asthenic. Anyhow from enquiries no imputable responsability has arisen. Medical Directorate Bari.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON.
A.P.O.794 U.S.ARMY.

Med

SUBJECT : Disinfectors

Reference : Med(Br)342

ADMS,
Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA).,
HQ., Allied Commission.

Copy to : OC 30 (Ind) General Hospital.

1. A disinfector, details of make etc. as below, has been found lying in the premises of the Caserma Mussolini which are occupied by 30 (Ind) General Hospital.

2. Please inform this office if you can find any use for this disinfector.

3. Details of make :-

Ditta GDE- FRANCESCHI & C
Milano

No. DI FABBRICA 1908

VIAV LANCETTI- 17
DATA 1936
PRESSIONE
ATM.

For the SURGEON:

W.DAVIDSON,
Major RAMC.,
D.A.D.H.

M/2/2543

29 June 45
WD/jrb.

P/A 1560

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Subject: Medical Reports re Italian Vessels
Court No. 104 Hist. Docs

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
11208
M/2/2622
11 July 45

Ministry of Navy
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

Reference your report M/2117/I.S. dated 4 July 45.

1. Will you please investigate and report why the 317 men were allowed to leave Orvieto in a lousy condition.

2. Please arrange for an officer to inspect Orvieto and ensure that none of the men there as present are lousy and report results to this office.

JSH

Lieut-Col.
U.S.A.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA)

/ccc

Copy to: 'A'
CL. I.R.D. Orvieto

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Translation

From : Min of W
To : MMIA

Ref. No. 4/2117/15
Date : July 4, 1945

Subject : Medical report on Italian Transit Camp 806 at Forli.

This is in pursuance of letter No. 4/2071/I.S. of June 26, 1945 from this Directorate General.

We are forwarding to you, for your information, copy of letter No. 83/I.S. of June 24th last, from the Medical Directorate of the Territorial Military Command of Bologna concerning the medical inspection performed by the medical officer of that Command at the Italian Transit Camp 806 in Forli.

Signed : S. Fadda
Director General

M/2/2621

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Translation

From: Medical Directorate of the VI Territorial Military Command

Ref. Nr. 83/I.S.
A.P.O. 225, June 24, 1945

Subject: Medical Report on Italian Transit Camp 806 at Forlì.

In compliance with the telephonic order of the 22nd inst. from your Medical Directorate, the writer sent the medical officer of this Directorate to Forlì to perform a medical inspection of the Italian Transit Camp 806 from which lice-ridden reinforcements had left a few days before.

The aforementioned medical officer visited the places on the 23rd inst. and reported the following:

The Italian Transit Camp 806 is located at No. 6 Via Giorgina Saffi in the buildings of the High School and is under the command of the 209TH and 228TH Division, A.P.O. 16

The premises appear to be in good condition; a general whitewashing thereof would, however, be desirable and in order; this, however, is not possible due to a shortage of lime on the market. The Camp Commandant assured me that he asked repeatedly for this material - also as a disinfectant - but always to no avail. The premises used as dormitory are utterly bare. The soldiers sleep on straw, on the floor. The straw is changed and burned daily, so that the soldiers sleep always on fresh straw. After the straw is changed, the floors are disinfected with a watery solution of "creolina."

The kitchen is British-type, set in the open. It works very well. Foodstuffs are kept in a suitable storeroom. The latrines, weak spot of all Army barracks, are rather filthy and some of them are, in addition,

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clogged up. This will be remedied at once.

There is a small infirmary with 6 emergency beds for light patients.

Cases requiring hospitalization are transferred to Field Hospital 292 at Cesena.

Military personnel suffering from parasitosis is likewise sent to this hospital for disinfestation.

In the barracks, furthermore, there has been installed an emergency shower fed by running water, which, in view of the hot weather, is being used daily for personal cleanliness. Once a week soldiers are also sent to the British bath. Soap is issued once a week for personal cleanliness, in relation to the strength present on the date of issue.

Upon instructions from the H.Q. of the 228TH Division, the Camp had been supplied also with a "Giannelli" stove sent last April from Field Hospital 292 for prophylactic purpose, but this piece was returned to the Hospital at once, due to its unserviceableness.

For the disinfestation of blankets and other personal effects powder AL 63 is used.

The barracks has a capacity of about 400 men. At the time of the inspection the total strength present was 150. The Commandant pointed out that part of the Camp was already transfered to Mogliano Veneto (Mestre) and that the remaining quota will leave in a few days, as soon as the necessary motor transport has been made available.

The aforementioned medical officer [redacted] personally inspected the soldiers who arrived at the camp [redacted] the

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night before, as well as those who had already arrived there several days ago. No one was found suffering from parasitosis or other forms of latent infectious diseases: the soldiers, moreover, were found to be in good physical condition. It should be pointed out, however, that the kit of several men who had arrived from the Recruits Training Center at Fresinone was found to be in bad condition, especially as regards the shirts, which in two cases were almost ragged. Moreover, most of the soldiers needed haircuts.

As he had done under similar circumstances in the past, the Camp Commandant furnished these men with kits out of first issue spare sets and, moreover, ordered that the men be given haircuts.

The Camp medical officer inspects as a rule all military personnel arriving there, for the purpose of identifying possible parasite-carriers and possible forms of infectious diseases.

The Commandant has been questioned concerning the reported problem of military personnel found suffering from pediculosis. He was informed that the soldiers in question belonged to a group of 517 men who arrived at Forlì at 1300 hours on May 29th last, from Orvieto, and that they departed at 1700 hours on the same day after a brief halt in the courtyard of the barracks, without entering the barracks rooms. In view of the shortness of their stay it was not possible to subject them to a medical examination or to have them take a bath or change their clothing.

In view of the transfer of the Camp in question the medical officer does not deem it advisable to

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make recommendations. However, if this were not to happen, or if said camp were replaced by another one, he recommends that the following prophylactic equipment be allotted:

- a Giannelli stove, in good condition
- a Ranieri bath (when the weather precludes the use of the improvised running-water-bath)
- a sufficient supply of soap to meet sudden requirements in the event that large troop units were to arrive
- a sufficient supply of clothing, for reinforcements only
- instructions should be issued to all units dispatching personnel to the camp to ensure thorough personal cleanliness of the soldiers and a check of their kits before departure, in order to prevent the spread of disease during transit among the soldiers themselves, and in order to create less difficulties for the receiving H.Q., especially in view of the present-day widespread lack of means.

Signed: Dr. Nicolò Musumarra
Lt. Col.
Medical Director

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TRANSLATION

FROM : MINISTRY OF WAR

TO : M.M.I.A.

Ref. 4/1874/1.S.

Date 20 June 45

SUBJECT : 15 SANITARY SEC.

1. We acknowledge receipt of your letter N° SD/12/2 of 25 May 45 concerning the employment of 15 San.Sec. for Repatriated military personnel.

2. We conferm that the personnel are detached , awaiting employment in Rome at the "Bianchi" barracks, and the materiels part of which are at Rome and part (about 5 tons) at the hospital depot Sangallo Florence.

3. We are awaiting instructions concerning place of employment and movement date.

4. In our opinion one Unit of the San.Sec. could be employed at Bolzano and the others in the Verona area.

5. It is essential however to bear in mind that new tasks to be met by Terr. Mil. of Northern Italy, therefore we would like to know at the earliest if and for how long the Sec. will be employed for repatriated military personnel.
Should the Sec. no longer be required for this purpose it could be employed immediately by the a/n H.Q.'s after it is been split into the three units that form it.
In case however, the Sec. is employed for repatriated personnel it will be necessary to meet the a/n requirements by other means and utilising to the maximum, salvaged materials at military H.Q.'s.

(F. CALDAROLA)

TRANSLATED! D.A.K

TYPED! jc/ 27 June

Transfer & Mail.

M/2/2560

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: 50/12/2
DATE: 27/6

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CO 2 (L) .....
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CO 3 (Orbat) .....
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Translation

To: MofW
to: MMIA for info.

Ref No 4/2051/1.5.
Date. 23 June 45.

Reconstruction of the territorial Desinfection section.

During the recent inspection tour carried out in the recently liberated territories we have been able to ascertain ~~constate~~ how important and urgent the reorganisation of the territorial Desinfection section is to meet the Hygienic. profilactic requirement in all units

The esistance of some areas of infectious illness that can be extended throughout some regions of the mainland, the ~~beginning~~ start of the summer season, the frequent movements of units, the ~~difficulty of~~ controlling ~~not always easy~~ of the hygienic conditions of the mean of communication between regions, the return of ex P.O.W from Germany, promote and call for the constant and continuous carrying out of effective profilactic measures which requires the employment of said section.

Therefore the addressees are begged to arrange immediately:

1. - for the recovery of all material assistance and available for the forming of A/n sections (1 p/c of two units) ~~and~~
2. to inform this ministry of all deficiencies that cannot be met by local acquisements
3. - The reforming of the unit employing where possible the officer previously commanding the unit or assigning to the post a competent officer and using temporarily local elements (W.C.O. and o/es) till the p/a posting of proper staff from this MofW M/2/2500

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Translation

Ref. : 4/2274/15
Date : June 24, 1945

From : MOW
To : Ministry of Interior
MMIA
Subject : Typhoid fever at Fornello (Val di Sangro).

For your info, we beg to report that the Medical Directorate of the Bologna Mil. Terr. Command has reported the existence of typhoid fever (20 cases), among the population of Fornello in Val Di Sangro.

In regard to Italian units in the area, we beg to report that the anti-typhus-paratyphus revaccinations have been completed recently, and that the prescribed hygienic-prophylactic measures are carried out regularly.

(Sgd) Gen. Calderola

Cpl. VDC

M/2/2518

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Translation

From : Bar Mil. Terr. Med. Directorate
To : 9th Disinfection Section
Subject : Personnel for Prophylactic Stations.

Ref. : 1239/IS
Date : May 30, 1945

M/2/2261

With signal no. 4/1767/IS, the MOW has ordered the forming of two Prophylactic Stations for venereal disease, one at Bari and one at Barletta with personnel from the 9th Disinfection Section.

Each Station must be made up with one sgt. and four men.

Further to agreements made with 54 Area, the two senior NCOs and the 8 soldiers must report for training to Major Thompson, 98th General Hospital, Tent 23, on the 4th, 5th, and 6th of June, from 0830 hours to 1130 hours each morning.

Please comply with the order, and see to the selection of the men, and see to it that they report on time.

Please acknowledge receipt.

(Sgd) Lt. Col. Ambrosi

Cpl. VDC

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Translation.

From. BBRI Milit Hosp Command. Ref. n° 89/B.P
to. M of W. Date 17/5/45.

Abnormal reaction reported at the FOGGIA Milit Hosp.

As a result of strict investigations carried out in the units of the FOGGIA Military Hospital in respect of the presumed abnormal reaction as a result of injections (reconstituent type). {it appears that no abscess was a direct result of injections carried out in the Hospital}

Control over a period of 10 months has given the following results

1 from Jan 44 to Dec 44. : 28 abscess have been treated at this Hosp.

4 abscess - dental. (from unit Wdl. File.

1 " middle finger right hand. (from unit)

SEE Letter.

2) from 1-1-45 to 15-3-45 9 abscess have been treated at the hospital.

3 abscess - dental left side (from unit,

SEE LETTER.

Finally: during the 10 months this hospital has only treated 2 abscess due to Calcium injections and the patien came from this own units

Those injection most probably came from the Lagos preparations of 1549 and such preparations calcium from commercial sources which, like the one sent to the Allenio by, showed traces of impurity which causes the formation of the abscess

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however we assure you that the above medicine does not come from the pharmaceutical stock of our hosp which carry out a thorough check of medicines ~~of ... by~~ acquired, nor are they from allied sources.

GIACINTO

I.A.B.

MED

COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI BARI
Direzione di Sanità

N.89/R.P. di prot. Bari, li 17/5/1945

OGGETTO: Incovenienti verificatisi presso l'Ospedale di Foggia.

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Direz.Gen.di Sanità Mil. R O M A

In seguito a rigorosi accertamenti eseguiti presso i reparti del= l'Ospedale Militare di Foggia in merito ai presunti inconvenienti verificatisi presso quell'Ospedale in seguito ad iniezioni del tipo ricostituente, è risultato che nessun ascesso si è verificato diret= tamente in Ospedale in seguito ad iniezioni di cure ricostituenti.

Il controllo eseguito per un periodo di più di dieci mesi ha dato il seguente risultato:

1°) DAL 1° LUGLIO 1944 AL 31/12/944 sono stati curati presso quell'Ospe dale n.28 ascessi e propriamente:

N.4 Ascessi dentari(dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso dito medio mano destra (dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso regione glutea destra da piodermite (da corpo)
- 3 Ascessi tonsillari (dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso gamba d. (dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso regione perianale (dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso ischio-rettale (dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso parete addominale (dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso chimico natica destra (per iniezione)
- 1 Ascesso avambraccio d.(dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso sottomentoniera (dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso guancia sin.(dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso periombellicale(dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso cavo ascellare (dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso guancia destra da carie dentarie (dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso chimico regione glutea destra da chinino (dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso regione coccigea (dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso guancia sinistra (dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso profondo alla natica sinistra del tipo ricostituente(corpo)

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- 1 Ascesso dito medio mano destra (dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso regione glutea destra da piodermite (da corpo)
- 3 Ascessi tonsillari (dal corpo)
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- 1 Ascesso regione perianale (dal corpo)
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- 1 Ascesso chimico natica destra (per iniezione)
- 1 Ascesso avambraccio d.(dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso sottomentoniera (dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso guancia sin.(dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso periombellicale(dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso cavo ascellare (dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso guancia destra da carie dentarie (dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso chimico regione glutea destra da chinino (dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso regione coccigea (dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso guancia sinistra (dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso profondo alla natica sinistra del tipo ricostituente(corpo)
- 1 Ascesso alla regione inguino-crurale sin.(dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso sotto-cutaneo natica destra da piodermite(dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso regione glutea sin.da ricostituente(calcio)(dal corpo)

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2°)- dal 1°/1/45 al 15/3/945 - sono stati curati n.9 ascessi e propria= mente: 1548

N.3 Ascessi dentari alla guancia sinistra (dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso al collo del piede destro (dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso dentario alla guancia destra(dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso al sopracciglio sinistro (dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso tonsillare destro (dal corpo)
- 1 Ascesso parietale alla fossa iliaca (dal corpo)

In definitiva in dieci mesi presso quell'Ospedale sono stati curati solo due ascessi dovuti ad iniezioni di calcio e gli infermi proveniva no dal corpo.

Donatelli
Antropologo

M/2/2287

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Col Hygiè to Lee.

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Trattasi molto probabilmente di iniezioni di uno dei numerosi preparati di calcio messi in commercio e che - come quello inviato a codesto Ministero - presentano frustoli ed impurità,che hanno causato l'insorgenza dell'ascesso.

Comunque si assicura che i predetti medicinali non provenivano da scorte della dipendente farmacia,la quale comunque procede per ogni acquisto a preventivo collaudo,nè da quelli ceduti dagli Alleati.

IL COLONNELLO MEDICO DIRETTORE
F/to Felsani Prof.Giacinto

.=.=.=

DIREZIONE GENERALE DI SANITA' MILITARE
Div. 1^ - Sez. 1^

N.1/2424/San.di prot. Roma,li 28/5/45

ALLO L.S.S.C.(A.C.) M.M.I.A. R O M A .

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Riferimento foglio n.M/2/1827 del 24 aprile 1945,si trasmette in copia,la relazione del Direttore di Sanità Militare di Bari,relativa agli accertamenti eseguiti presso l'Ospedale Militare di Foggia.

p. IL DIRETTORE GENERALE a.p.s.
COLONNELLO MEDICO
(V. Polosa)

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Tel: BARI 11468

Subject:- F.A.C.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(MMIA) c/o 54 Area

Ref: LO/11/AQ
29 May 45

To: Hq 54 Area

Med.
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'Ref 3 District's 370/13 A of 12 May.

1. The five personnel each for the FACs at BARI and BARLETTA are being provided by 9 Terr HQ (Medical Directorate)

2. Your Medical Branch have undertaken by telephone to let me know where and when this personnel should report for training.

3. Would you please inform 9 Terr HQ (Medical Directorate) copy to me:-

(a) Date

(B) Time

(c) Place

(d) Name of officer or NCO, to whom they should report for duty in BARI and in BARLETTA.

Maj
Senior MMIA LO
Eastern Italy

Copy to:- 3 District
HQ M.M.I.A.
9 Terr HQ (Med Direct)

M/2/2273.

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Translation

Ref. : 4/1767/IS
Date : May 28, 1945

From : MOW
To : DIRSAMILES BARI
Subject : Pro stations.

Hq. 54 Area has proposed the forming of prophylactic stations at Bari and at Barletta for all categories of Italian troops. Please see to the urgent assignment of a ~~maresciallo~~ W.O. or a sgt. ~~major~~ and four soldiers. Said personnel will be supplied from the Iti-iti category, and taken on strength by the 9th Disinfection Section. Please make agreements with MMIA LO with 54th Area for the urgent training of said personnel at 23rd Venereal Disease Section. Please acknowledge by same means.

(Sgd) Col. Polosa

Expl VDC

Translation

Ref. : 4/1768/IS
Date : May 28, 1945

From : MOW
To : SMRE
To : MMIA

.....FOR INFO, further to above signal no. 4/1967/IS dated May 28, 1945.

(Sgd) Col Polosa

M/9/2251

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Translation

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From : Ministry of — Ref. : 4/1691/IS
To : Circular — Date : May 18, 1945.
Subject : Pamphlet on practical hygiene regulations for soldiers.

The serious inconveniences in regard to the health of the soldiers and to the efficiency of units, which derive from the neglecting of the common rules concerning individual and billet hygiene, are known.

The experience gained during the recent war has shown how deficient hygienic conditions, which have been verified among some of our units, are to be attributed not only to the imperfect individual knowledge of but sometimes also to insufficient disciplinary action and control by unit commanders.

The need for creating or perfecting the soldiers' knowledge of hygiene by means of education, has caused us to prepare a pamphlet explaining the most common and elementary rules of practical hygiene.

Said pamphlet is being sent to all of the Hqs. in the quantities shown on the enclosed list, and should have the largest and quickest distribution among the troops, consistent with the number of copies available.

We believe it advisable, especially for the combat groups, the Divisions, and the 212 Italian Command, that they be issued in the following amounts:

- 1 copy for each officer: (the relative bundles bear the proper labels);
- 1 copy for each soldier in the medical branch;
- 1 copy for every 10 or 15 soldiers in the units.

The copies intended for the officers, as opposed to those intended for the men, also contain the rules for unit commanders (Pages 28 and 29).

The simple and planned compilation of each subject dealt with makes the reading and comment to the troops easy even for their corporals. The applicative part should be demonstrated with practical exercises, carried out by the Directors of the medical service and by commanders.

This educative work, carried out with the precise conviction of the end to be achieved, not only as regards individual ~~and collective~~ health and collective welfare, but also for the formation of a feeling of individual decency and dignity, must have the maximum impulse at the Reinforcements Transit Camps, and the Training Centers and must be continued among the units.

This work must be carried out in such a way as to make each soldier feel the need for the habitual and spontaneous application of the fundamental rules of practical hygiene, so much so as to become an active and convinced propagandist.

We are certain that the pamphlet in question will be of use in the 1544 educative work that the commanders are asked to carry out with the collaboration of all officers and the officers of the respective medical authorities.

(Sgd) Caldarola

Cpl. VDC

M/2/2005

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Allegato al foglio n.4/1691/IS.della Direzione Generale Sanità Militare in data 18 maggio 1945.-

SPECCHIO DELLA DISTRIBUZIONE DELLE COPIE DELL'OPUSCOLO SULLE NORME D'IGIENE PRATICA PER MILITARI.-

Comando	N°copie per Ufficiali...	N°copie per truppa.-	Totale copie per ufficiali e truppa
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" " " Napoli	1.200	3.000	4.200
" " " Bari	800	2.500	3.300
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" " " Torino	200	800	1.000
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" " Mantova	400	800	1.200
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" Sabauda	300	400	700
" Calabria	300	400	700
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Centr.Addestr.Cesano	1.000	1.400	2.400
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" " Frosinone	200	100	300
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Cpl.Raviscanina	100	100	200
804°Camp.Affl.Cpl.Trani	100	100	200
Campo Transito 8^Armata	100	100	200
2°Rgt.Ferrovieri	100	200	300
Stato Maggiore Generale	100	200	300
Rep.Autonomo Ministeriale	100	200	300

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Subject: P.W.Cs.

Land Forces Sub Comd
A.C. (MMIA)
MMIR
W/S/2195
23 May 45

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

Copy to: MMIA LO 3 District
MMIA LO 54 Area
Intl 'A' (2)

Attached is a copy of No 3 District letter 370/13A of 12 May 45.

1. Please arrange for Director of Medical Services No. 9 Italian Territorial Command to provide the necessary medical personnel for duty in P.W. Centres in Nuri and Marlotta.

2. Personnel will be provided from the ITL-DTI category and held against the strength of No 9 Hygiene Section, Nuri. The P.W.Cs. will be open to all categories of Italian Army troops.

3. In view of the possible change in status of Co-operator units there is no objection to these units using these Centres.

4. MMIA L.O. 54 Area will co-ordinate local arrangements for training if required.

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12 May 45.

1. Please arrange for Director of Medical Services No. 9 Italian Territorial Command to provide the necessary medical personnel for duty in P.W. Centres in Bari and Barletta.

2. Personnel will be provided from the III-III category and held against the strength of No 9 Hygiene Section, Bari. The P.W.Cs. will be open to all categories of Italian Army troops.

3. In view of the possible change in status of Co-operator units there is no objection to these units using these Centres.

4. MMIA L.O. Bari Area will co-ordinate local arrangements for training if required.

A.C.A.S.

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Major-Gen.
A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comd. AC. (MMIA.)

/RJH

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COPY

Subject: PAGs - Attendance for BR-ITIs and Italian Co-operators

3 Districts
Baseball 17
570/134
12 May 45

Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)

'A' HQ, Area (your 4330A of 29 Apr 45 refers)
Med (this HQ Letter of even reference dated 13 Apr 45 refers)
MMIA HQ

1. AFHQ have directed that Italians should not be granted the use of BRITISH PAGs and have suggested that purely Italian PAGs be provided for BR-ITIs and Italian Co-operators.

2. HQ, Area proposes to open PAGs for Italians at Bari and Barletta and it is therefore requested that a BR-ITI staff of 1 WO or Sgt and 4 ORs be provided for each PAG.

3. It is requested that the attachment of such personnel be arranged as soon as possible: the necessary training will be provided at 25 WO Wing, attached 98 (Br) General Hospital.

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(sgd) [illegible]
Maj Gen.
Comd.

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COPY ENCODING SIGNAL

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FWGCT 201736 B

TO : MMIA INFO ALCOM CONFIDENTIAL

REF : MX 79031A PRIORITY

M/2/2132

REFERENCE YOUR ED 2695 OF 18 MAY 1945 LOAN OF 36 ITALIAN HYGIENE SECTION FOR APPROX 3 WEEKS AGREED (.) YOUR 7779 OF 16 MAX 1945 REFERS (.) ARRANGE DIRECT WITH MMIA

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Translation

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Ref. No. 4/1621/I.S.
Date: May 15, 1945

From: Gen of W
To: Various addressees as per original
MMiA for information,

..... with the assurance that this Directorate General is following with the necessary attention the progress of the epidemic focus concerning which Army Medical authorities under our Command have already adopted the necessary prophylactic measures.

Signed: F. Caldarola
Director General

Telegram

From: Medical Directorate, Palermo To: Medical Directorate, M. of W, Rome
o Rome Palermo 116 95/T# 12/5 0900

" During first few days April last up till today Capizzi (mes-
" sina) commune had beginning of murine typhus epidemic
" among civilians with 38 victims and 8 deaths stop there is
" now still in progress epidemiological inquiry (by) civilian
" medical authorities who have adopted corresponding prophy-
" lactic measures also (in) neighboring communes of Cesami,
" Nicosia and Troina even though environmental conditions
" everywhere present great difficulties stop instructions were
" issued to hasten completion of typhus vaccination still in
" progress with some units stop. By order of Territorial Military
" Command, Palermo, all furloughs for Capizzi discontinued. Stop
" We request allotment of 50 Kilos DDT powder (for) possible
" requirements of Army units stop civilian medical authorities
" contacted Allied authorities concerning adoption of prophylactic
" measures. End. Medical Directorate, Barone 13012.

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FROM MMIA

TO AFHQ FOR G3 ORG

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PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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cgl 18 May 45

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Brit. 19/5/45.
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COPY DECODED SIGNAL

FROM: ALCOM CENT ACSHAD

TO : ASHQ G-3 (CRC) FOR BANTAM

INFO: LAND FORCES S/C (MMIA)
D.P. & R. S/C
PUB HLTH S/C
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

AGR/81

1 May 1945

SUBJECT: Anti-Locust Campaign

TO : M.M.I.A.

1. Reference is made to letter 1/1778/SER from S.M.R.E. to M.M.I.A. under date of 25 April 1945.

2. We wish to point out that we appreciate the seriousness of the locust plague in Sardinia at the present time. 40 tons of white arsenic have been requisitioned and were scheduled for delivery in the latter part of March, or April. So far, no word of delivery has been received. AFHQ has been asked to check on this.

3. We assure you that as soon as word is received of the arrival of this white arsenic, the allotment for Sardinia will be transferred by the fastest means possible.

Leland G. Allbaugh
LELAND G. ALLBAUGH
Director

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Translation.

From :- Rome, Territorial Hdq, Med Directorate. Ref.- 756/18.
To :- Rome Territorial Hdq. Date.- 18th April 45.
for information to:-
Min of W.

Subject:- Medical - Hygienic conditions in Frainone Training Centre

With reference to the report made out by the dependant M.O. and dealing with an inspection carried out at Frainone Training Centre and forwarded with covering letter N° 660/18 dated 9/4/45 I inform you that I carried out, yesterday, together with Lt Col MOSSO FILIPPO a medical inspection at BOSCO FRITI and ascertained the following:-

- four conditions of cleanliness are still persisting in the whole of the camp, especially on the ground ~~now~~ surrounding the billets.
- No improvement has been made as regard to the anti-malaria campaign. The two squads of soldiers still continue to be formed by men daily available. The work produced is very little. The squad which had to be formed by civilian employed by the Genio, has not been formed. Tools and equipment which are necessary for the carrying out of the work, are still deficient.
- The fencecoming of the external road benches, which have been built without any consideration been given to the drain system, produced swamps of stagnant water scattered all over the surrounding ground
- The field bath could function one day and only for a few hours because the water failed to flow through from the tank.

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21/2/1915

P.T.O.

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The Genl is awaited to ~~solve~~ solve the water-supply problem. I have seen personally the waste of water running from taps left opened.

(Sgd) GUERIN V.

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From:- M of W.
To:- Genl General Directorate
for information to:-
MMIB.

Ref. No. 4/1835/1.S.
Date- 20th March 45.

Further to phone message No. 4/1326/15 dated 3/4/45.

The above is forwarded for information. Please notify Genl Directorate, Home Territorial HQs to carry out urgently the work required, mentioning the importance of the anti malaria campaign in Bombay area.

(Sgd) F. CALDWELL.

G. F.

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21/3/1945

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Subject: Cases, water testing, Sterilization

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Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MEIA)
AGAS
M/2/1837
25 April 45

DDMS
Rear 8th Army

Reference letter No. 5/45 of CC 7 (Br) Adv. Depot Medical Stores to ADMS HQ MEIA, copy to DDMS Rear 8th Army.

Copies of relevant correspondence, DMS AFHQ letter M.4218 of 15 April 45 and MEIA letter M/2/1636 of 13 April 45 are forwarded for information.

Lieut-Col.
A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MEIA)

/RSC

Copy to: CC 7 Adv. Depot Med. Stores

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

OFFICE OF THE SURGEON

Subject : Water Sterilization Reference: M.4218

To : A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Commission,
A.C. (M.M.I.A.),
ROME.

Reference your letter No. M/2/1780 dated 21 April '45, herewith copy of this office letter of even number dated 15 Apr'45, as requested.

R.A. MORRISH.
Major D.A.D.M.S. 3.
for Major General,
Surgeon, D.M.S., A.F.H.Q.

23 Apr'45.
RAM/CK.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS (COPY)

OFFICE OF THE SURGEON

SUBJECT : Water Sterilization - Cases, W.T.S.

References M. 4218.

To : A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Commission,
A.C. (M.M.I.A.),
ROME.

Reference your M/2/1638 of 13 Apr'45.

It is agreed that the easiest and surest method of water sterilization for use in the Italian Armed Forces is by the issue of the "Steridrole" to which they are accustomed to using.

It will not be necessary to draw up further Cases, Water Testing Sterilization from British Depots of Medical Stores.

(Sgd) R.A. MORRISH.
Major D.A.D.M.S. 3.
for Major General,
Surgeon, D.M.S., A.F.H.Q.

15 Apr'45
RAM/SK.

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Translation.

From; M.of W. Ref. 4/1320/I.S. 101
To ; MMIA for Information/ 19/4/45.
Subject; Reinforcement Transit Camps. Hygenic and Medical precausions,- Vaccinations.

The 228th Div., HQ has informed this Ministry that among recent reinforcements sent to the dependant units, various case of scabies, body lice, ring worms, trachoma; and V.D. have been diagnosed.

The above situation denotes as has been pointed out in the past, a lack of medical precautions at the transit camps, be it during the soldier's period of stay in the camps, or before departure to their respective units.

This General Directorate in signal No 4/469/I.S. dated 17/2/45 issued urgent orders to the interested medical directorates, that all military on arrival at transit camps, or on departure from same for their respective units, would have to under go a scrupulous medical examination to ascertain the absence of.-
scabies, body lice, dermititis, infective illnesses, and V.D. and also the vaccinal status of the men regarding T.A.B. Small pox, and Typhus. Orders also stated that every man would be furnished with a declaration on particulars of the above, by the camp medical authotities.

We call the attention of the Medical Directorates interested, in order that through their dependant officers, they maintain a continuous vigilance on the carrying out of the Hygenic, medical, prophilactic measures in the transit camps situated within their respective jurisdiction, so as to ensure that all the orders issued by this general directorate for ensuring the good health of the troops, and preventing outbreaks of deseases, are carried out.

With particular regard to the immunisation treatment of reinforcements passing through the various camps, following agreement reached recently with the Allied Authorities, I order as follows.-

1) Everything possible must be done to give a complete immunisation course to the reinforcements in the in the transit camps , T.A.B. Small Fox, and Dermotyphus.

2) If through the sudden departure of the men, it is impossible to complete the immunisation course, it is the duty of the local medical authorities, to forward to the units receiving reinforcements, full information of the dates when further innocuations are required to complete the treatment of the men posted.

3) In any case, all military on arrival at transit camps, must be inno culated against small pox, and be given initial vaccination anti T.A.B.Te.

GD.

(F.Caldarola

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TRANSLATION

FROM: WAR MINISTRY
TO : MMIA

REF : 208628/11
22B.8.12

DATE: 20/4

M/2/1760

SUBJECT: Frosinone and Anagni Camps.
In reply to SD/34

With reference to MMIA's observations, I notify :

1. Frosinone Camp

a) of the 1700 AWOLs noted at the beginning of April, at the time of the Easter holiday, 653 had already returned by the 7th inst., and it is expected that many others will return. The matter has already been submitted to MMIA with SMRE letter 15225/Mob dated 10 th inst.

b) On the 7 th inst., Col CROSA, camp Commandant, was replaced by Col. CAFFARO Ettore.

c) The number of officers for the two guard battalions has now been completed.
Dispatch of the NCO's ought to have been arranged by MMIA, according to agreements, with personnel drawn from Afragola and Treni.

The staffing of the two battalions has been completed, however, with personnel available in the camp;

d) The unit equipment for the two battalions was assigned by the Commissariat Directorate of Bari Mil. Terr. HQ on the 3rd inst. Arrangements have been made for these materials to be dispatched on the 4th inst from Bari to Frosinone;

e) according to the instructions issued, all troops drafted to the districts must receive, among other things, a mess tin. It is for this reason that such articles have not been included in the assignments of materials to the Frosinone Centre. Enquiries will be made regarding the issue of bowls in place of mess tins.

In order to remedy the inconvenience telephonic orders have

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In order to remedy the inconvenience telephonic orders have been given, following MMIA's consent, for the transport of 1000 mess tins from Bari to Frosinone with the transport already being loaded at Bari. 15.0

In respect of the debit charge for the mess tins, the payment of the sum of 425 lire is expected in cases in which the defficiency is due to the fault of the troops. This price, however, will <u>not</u> apply for breakage of the bowls.

f) at present there are no stocks of black boot polish or dubbin in the Rome Commissariat Directorate. The other Commissariat Directorate have small quantities which are not even sufficient for the units under their jurisdiction.

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Request have been forwarded to the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, and Labour for the raw materials required, but, so far, with negative result.

g) drainage and water is already laid on at the BPD building at Frosinone, used as billets for the camp.

General CORTELLESSA has informed us that the 2000 metres of piping are required for the supplying of drinking water to Anagni Camp (see following para 2);

h) arrangements have been made for the assignment of the necessary fuels for the functioning of the water pump and electricity supply;

i) arrangements have been made to wipe out the medicinal deficiencies which were discovered and enquiries are being made to establish the causes and culprits of said deficiencies.

2. Anagni Camp:

There is no fresh water installation.
There is only installation for washing water served by a pumping station, already working. General CORTELLESSA has planned for the running in of water from a spring outside the building with the use of 2000 metres of piping. This Ministry has authorised the use of piping already existing at Anagni. The works required will be carried out as soon as possible.

3. Orders have already been issued for the forming of the 526 and 527 Guard Battalions.

Sgd. CASATI,
Minister.

O. Danin Cpl.

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Sgd. CASATI,
Minister.

O. Danin Cpl.

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Subject: Infestation - Italian Combat Reinforcements

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
ROME
M/2/1652
16 April 45

DIRMS
Rear 8th Army

1. AFHQ in their letter M.6234 of 10 April 45, have reported to MMIA that a high percentage of Italian Combat Reinforcements arrive suffering from scabies or pediculosis.

This complaint has previously been represented to the Italian authorities and full and proper instructions have been published to all Italian formations concerned. Hygiene and sanitation in the Italian Army is the subject of frequent correspondence between MMIA and Ministry of War through both 'A' and 'M' channels.

2. All BRITI Reinforcement Depots now have a British RAMC officer attached to the B.L.U. or British Cadre and from reports and personal inspections by MMIA officers, it is felt that the Italian Army are gradually coming to accept British methods and are making an effort to improve the hygiene standards among their troops.

3. In view of above it is considered that further action should be of a disciplinary nature against the individual officers concerned. It is therefore requested that future incidents of this nature be reported in full giving the details of the draft concerned, date of departure, number of cases etc, and if possible the name of the doctor examining the troops before departure from the Base Reinforcement Depot.

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W. A. Heggie

Lieut-Col.
A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA)

/RBG

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DDMS 3 District
ADMS 5th Army (Br Incr)
} for info

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Brit. Cadre 802 Reinforcement Camp
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All MMIA L.Os.

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Subject: Vaccination & Inoculation

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Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMEA)
RMS
3/2/1673
16 April 45

Ministry of War.
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

Reference A.M.R.R. Letter 2/64 of 12 April 45.

1. The suggestions put forward in this letter are entirely agreed. Please issue instructions as necessary.

2. Every effort should be made however, to complete vaccinations and inoculations before departure from the Base Training or Reinforcement Depots.

/RMG

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMEA)

Lieut-Col.
A.D.M.S.

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Translation

Ref. n°. 2/644
Date : April 12, 1945

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From: SMRE
To : MMIA

Subject : Vaccination of reinforcements sent from Training Centers to Combat Groups.

The Rome Territorial Command has pointed out to this S.M. that groups of reinforcements which arrived only a few days before frequently leave the Cesano and Orvieto Training Centers for the Combat Groups and Administrative Divisions without having been properly vaccinated or only partially immunized.

According to our information this difficulty is being experienced also at the Trani and Afragola Reinforcements Depots.

In order to reconcile medical regulations with operational requirements, this S.M., in agreement with the Directorate General of the Medical Service, believes that the following orders should be issued:

a) immediately after their arrival at Training Centers, reinforcements should be vaccinated against smallpox and should get their first T.A.B. Te vaccination.

b) in the event of sudden departure of reinforcements, the HQ's of Training Centers should urgently inform the units for which such reinforcements are bound, of the number and exact date of the inoculations administered to each man, and should record these data on the respective service record; this should be done in order to ensure proper continuity of vaccinal treatments.

Please let us know your decision in the matter.

Signed: [illegible] Ginzi
General

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M/2/1170

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
C. M. F.

Subject :- Hygiene Training - Italian Military Personnel. Reference M.6234.

M/2/1625

Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services,
Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C., (M.M.I.A.),
C. M. F.

Extracts from a report on a Course of Instruction for Unit Sanitary Personnel of the Cremona and Friuli Groups, held at 11 Field Hygiene Section, are appended for your information:-

(1) 4 three-day courses were given in the second half of March.

(2) In all 72 vacancies were allotted in equal portions to the Cremona and Friuli Groups.

(3) The students were given half a day in the workshops where they were taught to make flyproof self closing latrine seats and foodsafes. The students took them back to their Units to serve as models for general construction.

(4) The students on the whole showed great interest, and applied themselves diligently. They were very interested in the exhibition and greatly impressed with the scope and practicability of improvisation in the field.

(5) When asked if they had any questions the following points were raised:-

300 gr/man.

(a) shortage of soap generally;
(b) no soap is ever issued to Unit cookhouses;
(c) no white clothes for Unit cooks;
(d) failure of Unit Medical Officers to visit Unit cookhouses;
(e) general lack of interest and co-operation in hygiene and sanitation on the part of their Officers.

It is not known here what justification exists for these comments, but in all this teaching we were up against the big discrepancy in standards of training in hygiene and sanitation between the British and Italian Armies. The final impression left with us was that we had definitely succeeded in interesting these N.C.Os. and men, and that they would carry out their work with zest on their return to their Units if they were allowed to do so.

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H.D.Chalke

H.D.Chalke, Lt.Col., A.D.H.,
for Major-General,
Surgeon, D.M.S., A.F.H.Q.

HDC/FK.
10 Apr. 45.

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AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
C. M. F.

Subject:- Scabies and Pediculosis - Italian Army.

Ref.:- M.6234.

To :- Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services,
Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. (MTA),
C. M. F.

It is reported by Eighth Army that a high percentage of Italian Combat troops from the Combat Force Re-inforcement Training Centre are arriving suffering from Scabies and Pediculosis.

It is essential that these troops be carefully inspected for evidence of infestation before departure, and those affected with Scabies and Pediculosis retained and treated. If a high louse infestation rate exists, troops in these Camps should be given three dustings with A.L. 63 powder at weekly intervals. In addition, it may be advisable in the presence of widespread infestation, to dust all troops, as a routine, before they proceed to forward areas.

H.D. Challe

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for Major-General,
Surgeon, D.H.S., A.F.H.Q.

10 Apr. 45.
HDC/SH.

Copy to:- Deputy Director of Medical Services,
Rear H.Q., Eighth Army,
C. M. F.

WAM 13/4 - Ackn. M/2/16-2524 WAM 16/4.

Subject: Cases, water testing, Sterilisation

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Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MIA)
ROME
M/2/1638
13 April 45

DMS AFHQ

Reference your M.4218 of 11 April 45.

1. The Italian method of sterilisation of water has in the past always been carried out with the product "Steridrole".
Each box contains chemical preperations for both sterilisation and detesting and the superchlorination method is used. There are ample supplies of Steridrole available in Italian Army Medical Depot Stores. More are in transit from East Africa.

2. It has been stated that Steridrole is not so efficacious as water sterilising powder. Instructions have already been issued to all Italian formations on the method of superchlorination using W.S.P. and detesting tablets.

3. The question therefore arises, "Is it worthwhile or necessary to change Italian combat troops (who represent only one-sixth of the Italian Army) from their own method to ours?"
It is felt that the answer is "No". This opinion is given without consultation with the hygiene authorities of employing formations.

4. If it is decided to issue cases, water testing, to the Combat Groups, about 200 would be required for water trucks or trailers. Approximately a further 100 would be required for unit medical officers.

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Lieut-Col.
A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

OFFICE OF THE SURGEON

Subject : Cases Water Testing Sterilization. Reference: M.423

To : A.D.M.S., Land Forces Sub-Commission,
A.C. (M.M.I.A.), Rome, CMF.

Reference para. 3 of your M/2A/1288 of 24 March 45.

As the Water Trucks were issued without 'Cases Water Testing Sterilization' these being a Medical Stores supply, it is presumed that these are required.

Will you please confirm these are required stating the number considered necessary when issue will be made and costed vouchers passed to you for signature and disposal in accordance with existing instructions.

R.A. MORRISH.
Major D.A.D.M.S.3.
for Major General,
Surgeon, D.M.S., A.F.H.Q.

11 Apr'45.
RAM/GK.

ADMS Water Treatment Unit!

M/2/1522.

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MINISTRY OF WAR
General Medical Directorate

Ref: 4/1036/I.S.
Div. 2 Sez. 1.

Rome, 27 March 1945.

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To: All Territorial Military Commands
All Combat Groups, Divisions and Military Commands
and for information,
State Maggiore Generale
Stato Maggiore R. Esercito - Ufficio Servizi
Stato Maggiore R. Esercito - Ufficio C.A.
Land Forces Sub Commission, A. (MMIA)

Subject:- Troop Hygiene

Notwithstanding repeated orders by the Ministry of War to comply with the rules of billet and personal hygiene, the hygienic conditions in the areas occupied by our troops remains generally unhealthy and lacking in hygiene.

The bad hygiene conditions besides endangering the health of the troops also create a bad impression among the Allied troops.

We cannot admit that Italian soldiers who pride themselves to belong to a civilised nation can disregard the basic and necessary hygiene rules followed by all peoples, even if only out of a sheer sense of preservation.

An elementary hygiene pamphlet is being compiled by the Medical General Directorate and will shortly be distributed to the troops. It will be well to remember that if the pamphlets and circular letters are meant to instruct the troops, disciplinary action must complete this instruction together with continuous propaganda, control and supervision by the large and small H.Qs.

We demand as regards to this matter that the competent personnel of each Command be given the maximum power to carry out education and control of hygiene rules and regulations to be complied with by their own troops and particularly the Commands of the training depots, reinforcement depots in the rear areas who have the full co-operation of the dependent medical services and of all the Commands under orders so as to adequately train the troops that are posted to them, in personal and collective hygiene.

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Acknowledge receipt.

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A. CASATI

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DIRAMAZIONE ESTESA FINO AI COMANDI DI BATTAGLIONE

IN
MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE DI SANITÀ MILITARE

N. 4/1036/I. S. di protocollo
Divisione 2ª Sezione 1ª

Roma, 27 marzo 1945

Med 7/7

Ai Comandi Militari Territoriali — *TUTTI*
Ai Comandi dei Gruppi di Combattimento e Divisioni e Comandi Militari — *TUTTI*

e, per conoscenza:

Allo Stato Maggiore Generale — *P. M. 3800*
Allo Stato Maggiore R. Esercito — Ufficio Servizi — *P. M. 3800*
Allo Stato Maggiore R. Esercito — Ufficio C. A. — *P. M. 3800*
Alla Land Forces Sub Commission A. C. (M. M. I. A.) — *R O M A*

OGGETTO: **Igiene delle truppe.**

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Mi dorrà far ricadere sui comandanti la responsabilità di eventuali rilievi che dovessero affiorare in questo delicato campo della vita delle truppe.

Segnare ricevuta.

IL MINISTRO
A. Casati

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Prefetto

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Translation

TELEGRAM

From: Medical Directorate, Bari

No. 816/I.S. of the 31st inst. Stop with reference to tele. 4/1011/I.S. of the 28th inst. we report transmission of of data (on) mumps, derived from previous undeciphered telegraphic transmission stop study of cases for same years of epidemic hepatitis of the ictero-hemorhagic type Weil disease is negative. Signed: Medical Directorate, Bari

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From: Min of W

To: MMIA

Ref. No. 4/1074/I.S.
Date: April 3, 1945

The above telegram is sent to you for your information, with the request that you regard letter No. 4/930/I.S. of 3/22/1945 of this Directorate general as cancelled, in accordance with the contents of the above telegram from the Medical Directorate of the Bari Territorial Military Command.

Signed: N. Mangeri
Colonel, M.C.
Director General

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Translation

From: Rome Mil. Ter. Command Ref. 612/1.5.

To. Min. of War Date. April 4

Subject Smallpox vaccinations 84

Ref. your 4/1058/1.5 dated March 31. We hereby confirm that the smallpox vaccinations and revaccinations have been completed at the units which are for all purposes and for territorial purposes only, under the command of the ROME Mil Ter Command, according to the list issued by said Command.

Lgd. Col. VINCENZO

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Sgt. VC.

No. 4/1145/1.5

To MMIA

- for info: Sunday to our letter 4/1057/1.5. INT.

(Lgd) Col. MAUGERI

Sgt. VC

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SUBJECT: Provisions for Flyproofing Material - Italian Army.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/I2/I
8 April 1945

TO : AFHQ for G 4 (B)
AFHQ for G 4 (A)

1. It has not been possible to provide anti fly and mosquito proof wire gauze for Italian Military Hospitals, from Italian Army sources.

2. As all Italian military personnel, whether US-ITI, BR-ITI, or Italian, are evacuated to or cared for in Italian hospitals, it would appear to be an Allied commitment.

3. Minimum requirements for this purpose are estimated at 20,000 sq metres.

4. Every effort is being made to raise the standard of hygiene in the Italian Army, and if supplies can be made available, flyproofing of cook houses and food preparation rooms will likewise be carried out at Rft Depots, priority being given to those supplying Allied Service Units.

5. Estimated additional requirements 15,000 sq metres.

6. Approval is requested for the release of above material to Italian Depots whence issue would be controlled by this HQ.

F.A.COLE, Major
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

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Translation

From: Min of War
To: MMIA, for information

Ref No. 4/1076/I.S.
Date: April 3, 1945

Territorial Military Command, Naples
Medical Directorate

Naples, March 25, 1945

Ref. No. 695/I.S.

Subject: T.A.B.Te, smallpox and typhus vaccinations and revaccinations.

To: Ministry of War - Medical Directorate, Rome
(ref. letter No. 4/3567/I.S. of February 12, 1944)

As soon as your Directorate ordered a careful check-up of the immunization status of all military personnel, including officers, this office issued definite instructions to all units stationed in the territory of this Command, to comply forthwith with the orders issued by your Ministry.

Having checked immunization records, vaccinations were started immediately in accordance with the instructions issued by your Directorate with the above mentioned letter.

In cases showing a negative result, the smallpox vaccination was repeated three times. As a rule, 25% showed a negative result after the first vaccination; after the second inoculation about 15% showed a positive (?) result, and after the third only 5% was negative.

As a rule, the smallpox vaccination and the first injection of TABTe were performed concurrently.

In the course of the TABTe vaccinations and revaccinations no difficulties of any kind were encountered; general reactions, varying from 50 to 60% were marked (high fever) after the first and second injection, while the third injection has often had an insignificant reaction. Local reactions were moderate.

The typhus vaccination was started at a distance of

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20-25 days from the other immunizing inoculations.

These vaccinations too were not attended by difficulties, and reactions - both local and general - were modest.

Finally, because of the continuous arrival of new troop contingents (recruits and call-ups) in the territory of this Command, this office has ordered that all soldiers who are inducted into the service will be immediately subjected to all prescribed immunizations in accordance with the instructions issued by your Directorate.

Signed: Guido Ferri
Colonel, M.C.
Director

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Translation

From : Min of W
To : MMiA (Ref. letter M/2/778 of February 26, 1945)

R.N. 4/1010/I.S.
Date : April 5, 1945

The communications hereunder are sent to you for information, in pursuance of letter No. 4/888/IS of March 19, 1945

Signed : N. Marugeri
Colonel, M.C.
Director

H.Q. Recruits Training Center

Date : March 13, 1945

M/2/1533

Ref. No. 57/San

To: Medical Directorate, Rome Territorial Command

Subject : Vaccinations.

This is in reference to letter No. 333/I.S. of the 3rd inst., from your Directorate.

As regards the instructions contained in paragraph 2 of said letter, may we point out the following:

- it has happened and still happens that in order to comply with urgent and peremptory requests for reinforcements by local Allied authorities, it becomes necessary to dispatch men who have not been immunized against typhoid or who were immunized only partially.
- the attention of said authorities was called to the instructions from your Directorate under No. 3 but on this very day we had to give assurances that we would send to sunday destinations a group of about 500 men who were in the course of typhoid immunization.

Consequently, such immunization had to be discontinued.

Under these circumstances, we wish to point out the difficulty of reconciling your instructions with the requirements of local Allied authorities.

We wish to assure you that everything possible will be done to carry out to the limit the directives laid down with your above mentioned letter.

Signed: Piero Papadia, Lt. Col.
C.O.

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Territorial Military Command Rome
Medical Directorate

Rome, March 23, 1945

518/IS

To: Rome Territorial Military Command

Subject: Vaccination of reinforcements sent from training centers to combat groups

Pursuant to letter No. 447/IS of the 16th inst. we enclose, for your information, a communication received from the Commander of the Recruits Training Center at Orvieto, concerning the impossibility of following instructions to send to combat groups reinforcements whose immunization has been completed.

Signed: Dr. Vincenzo Guerra M.C.
Colonel,
Director

Welk

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SUBJECT: Provisions for Flyproofing Material -- Italian Army.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/12/1
6 April 1945.

TO : AFHQ for G 1 (B)
AFHQ for G 1 (A)

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F.A. COLE, Major
for Major General
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Subject: Typhus Control.

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
ROME
W/2/1431
31 March 45

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

Attached copy of letter from Allied Commission, Civil Affairs Section, on control of typhus, is forwarded for information.

J.W.J. Cooper,
Staff Capt.
For H.A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Civil Affairs Section.

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AC/3040/PH

29 March 1945.

SUBJECT: - Typhus Control.

TO : - Ministry of Interior, Italian Government,
Rome - Attention H.E. Molimena.

1. As you have already been informed, the Typhus Control Unit at Naples is being closed down with effect from 1 April 1945. This step has been taken in view of the approach of spring, together with the small incidence of Typhus cases throughout the whole of last winter.

2. During the winter, lectures and demonstrations in methods of Typhus Control were given to representatives of all provinces in Liberated Italy as well as to those in the forward areas and every province has been supplied with 10 pounds of DDT and dust-guns to take action should any case of Typhus occur.

3. It must be clearly understood that in Italian Government Territory the control of Typhus, as of all other diseases, is the responsibility of the Italian Medical authorities and that only in the event of a major outbreak of Typhus will AC render assistance.

4. Supplies of DDT will be available at Naples, Rome and Florence. Should any Medico Provinciale in Italian Government Territory require additional stocks of DDT for Typhus control purposes he should immediately telephone the Ministry and the Ministry should pass his request to the Public Health Sub-Commission, AC. For provinces in Southern Italy, Sicily and Sardinia, Public Health Sub-Commission will authorise release of DDT from the Central Civilian Medical Depot, Naples. For provinces in Central Liberated Italy, release will be authorized from Rome.

5. For provinces in AMG Territory and Army areas, while AMG are responsible the actual work of control will be in the hands of the Italian Medical staff and the Medico Provinciale should make application for DDT to the Regional Public Health Officer or Senior Public Health Officer respectively, who will authorize issue from the Florence Depot. The Medici Provinciali will organise their control methods under the supervision of the Regional Public Health Officer or Senior Public Health Officer.

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6. The releases of DDT will be made without payment and will be debited by the Depots concerned to the AC Typhus Control Unit. It must be understood that requests for DDT should only be made to replenish stocks used in the control of cases of Typhus and for no other purpose.

7. In the event of a major outbreak of Typhus in Italian Government Territory in which the Government require assistance from AC (beyond the supply of DDT) requests for assistance will be made by the Government to Public Health Sub-Commission of AC.

8. It would be appreciated if you would be good enough to issue instructions to all your Medici Provinciali in Italian Government Territory in accordance with the terms of this letter.

For the Chief Commissioner,

G.R. UPJOHN, Brigadier,
VP, CA Section.

Copies to: See Over.

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Signal Message

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From: MMLA

To: MINISTRY OF WAR SANITA

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IN VIEW OF RECENT SMALL POX CASES REPORTED IN ROME AREA ENSURE VACCINATION OF ALL REPEAT ALL ITALIAN TROOPS IS SPEEDED UP (.) MMLA LETTER A/7 OF 28 MARCH THROUGH STAFF CHANNELS ALSO REFERS

Precedence IMPORTANT

Authenticated A Hobday Lt Major.

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Subject : Medical Arrangements.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
A/7 28 March 45.

Ministry of War

The attached copy letter from Rome Area Allied Command is forwarded to you for immediate compliance with the instructions contained in para 2 thereof.

S.P. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

} R.A.A.C., your A.G.720
} of 26th of March
} refers.

Copy to Med(M.M.I.A.

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Wdtt 29/3.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US Army

AG 720

IEC/rw
26 March 1945

Subject: Vaccination of Italian Military Personnel.

To : Commanding General, Military Mission to the Italian Army, APO 394, US Army.

1. Several cases of Smallpox have been recently discovered among Italian troops in the Rome Area.

2. In order to minimise the increasing amount of cases, all Italian troops assigned and/or attached to this command will be vaccinated for Smallpox.

3. This information is forwarded to your headquarters with the suggestion that vaccination might be carried out on all Italian troops in this area, thus eliminating the possibilities of a Smallpox epedemic among military personnel.

For the Commanding General:

I. E. CHEEK
Captain AGD
Adjutant General

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Translation.

From:- Naples Med. Dirct. Ref:- DS/681/1.S.
To:- M of W. Date:- 29-3-45.

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Signal.

Ref. signal 4/3497/1.S. dated 6-3-45 it is pointed out that no Epidemic Hepatitis infections ~~were~~ occured in this area since 1940 up to the end of 1944 ⊙

(Sgd) Col. KERRI.

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From:- M of W. Ref:- 4/4864/1.S.
To:- MMIB. Date:- 26th Mar. 45.

The above is forwarded for information.

(Sgd) N. MOUGERI.

Lt. FRAKE.

Type a copy and pass to P. Health S/C.

Passed copy & original 29/3/45 WS

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Subje[illegible] Hygiene - Frosinone Camp

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
ROME
W/2/1355
28 March 45

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

Reference your 4/857/I.S. of 14 March 45 with attached hygiene report from No. 8 Territorial Command.

In view of the adverse report submitted by Medical Directorate, No. 8 Territorial Command, it is requested that a further inspection be carried out and a progress report submitted to this office. In particular it is desired to know what action has been taken by the Camp staff to improve the following:-

(a) Malaria Control - (i) Have squads been formed to carry out "piccola bonifica"?
(ii) Has a malarial control officer been appointed?
(iii) Has any mechanical protection of windows and doors been made)

(b) Sleeping accomodation

(c) Field latrines

(d) Water supply - fixed baths - drainage system.

(e) Percentage of pediculosis and scabies among recruits.

(f) Number of vaccinations carried out.

2. Enquiries are being made to [illegible]

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(f) Number of vaccinations carried out.

2. Enquiries are being made to ascertain if 24 Field Hospital can be released from its present duties for Frosinone Camp. 1505

W. C. Heggie

Major,
D.A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA)

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Copy to: AIRS. R.A.A.C.
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Translation

From: Min. of War — Ref. 4/837/I.S.

To: SMRE — Date March 14, 1945

for info

Subject: Hygiene - medical inspection carried out at FROSINONE Recruit Training Center.

In your information we enclose copy of the Medical Directorate of ROME Mil. Territorial Command letter No. 406/I.S. dated March 12, 1945, and a copy of the Directorate's Hygiene Office's report in regard to the medical inspection carried out at the FROSINONE Recruit Training Center.

(Sgd) Col. MAUGERI

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Translation

From ROME Mil. Ter. Command Ref. 406/1.S.
MEDICAL DIRECTORATE Date March 2, 1945

To: ROME Mil. Ter Command.

Subject Hygieni-medical inspection at FROSINONE Recruit Training Center

We enclose a hygiene-medical report on the inspection carried out by our Hygiene Officer at the FROSINONE Training Center, and we beg you to order urgently:

- the immediate and essential formation and employment of two permanent military squads for small cleaning up work. In regard to this, we beg to inform you that the local Hq has reported the various difficulties in regard to the training which all of the troops must undergo, to the Hygiene Officer.

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- the granting of a ~~Labour~~ Sanitary squad made up ~~of~~ ~~Italian~~ civilians and taken

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on strength from Mil. Engineers.

– the suspension of the shipment of new recruits to ASMARA at least until the camp is provided with enough water for ablutions; and that in the future only those men who have been sent to BOSCO FAITI for ablutions, cleaning up, and clothing, are to be sent there.

Please note that the problem of malaria at BOSCO FAITI is most disturbing and, if the regulations which are in force are not carried out by the Training Center Hq. the contribution to Malaria will be considerable during the coming epidemic season.

(dgcl) Col. VINCENZO

Cpl. VC.

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Translation

From: Mil. Ten. Command Ref. 406/1.5.

To: Med. Dir. of Date March 12, 1945
ROME, Mil. Ten. Command

Subject Hygienic - medical inspection at FROSINONE Training Center.

I beg to inform you that on the 10th inst. I carried out a hygienic - medical inspection at the FROSINONE Training Center with the following results:

Malarial degree of the Area

An epidemiological investigation with an inspection of the land and the info supplied by the Provincial Doctor and by the Malaria Doctor of the Area have shown that during the 1944 epidemic season there was a very serious increase in malaria among the scattered rural population of the area due almost entirely to PLASMODIUM VIVAX - infections.

However, the few families of the workers of the ex-factory

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which remained in the small buildings at BOSCO FAITI were less affected.

The following must be considered as the reasons for the re-appearance of marsh fever which was considered as disappeared after the draining of the AGRO PONTINO and after the magnificent woods done at BOSCO FAITI by the BONIFICA and PARODI firm for the construction of the establishments now occupied by the troops.

- the sudden transfer of a good part of the farmers to the southern part of the LITTORIA province during the summer season for the harvesting of wheat and for other farm works.

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- the permanent encampment of numerous German units in 1944 and then the arrival of Allied units from endemic malaria zones.
- the damage done to the ground by aerial and land bombardment.
- the destruction of many small but important cleaning up works done by the BOMBRINI and PARODI firm.

Therefore, the 1945 antimalaria campaign is very difficult and complex owing to the scattered presence of many civilians with malaria who are certainly gametocyte carriers. The development that the ANOPHELINE MOSQUITOES ~~Anopheles~~ may assume, the large muddy quagmires surrounding the pavilions used for the billetting of troops, and the meanness of the SACCO and COSA Rivers where stagnant

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pools foam during the
low-water period.

Finally, the land is
clothed for the most part
and unexploded antitank shells
and anti-tank mines are
still found, while open
wells with pools nearby
are also to be found near
the rural houses.

Therefore, only the
effective, vigorous carrying out
of an organic anti-malaria
plan to be conducted in collaboration
with the civilian medical authorities
concerned, will eliminate or, further
still, impede the spreading
of malaria among the military
at BASCO FAITI where amount
to 4000 men this month
and who will amount to 6000
men after that.

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OOTranslation (No. 3)

The prophylactic measures to be adopted urgently are as follows:

- the immediate start of small cleaning up works directed by a Medical officer who is free from any other duty, and who could be LT. VASECCHIO the Director of the Medical Service at the Training Center, who is well acquainted with the area and with the malaria problem.

We should have at least three fixed squads of 8 - 10 men each, given the great amount of work to be done. One of said squads, which will have the task of placing oil and PARIS-GREEN copper-arsenic on the pools of stagnant water which cannot be eliminated, should be made up by civilians, taken

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on strength by Mil. Engineers,
according to the opinion also
expressed by Gen. CORTELLEZZI,
Commanding Rome Area Engineers,
who was met during the
inspection at BOSCO FRITI.

- Mechanical protection of all of the
windows in the billets and
the doors leading to the
outside (two doors)
by means of metal screens
by the Mil. Engineers and
which must be completed
during the month of APRIL.

- Issue of chemical prophylaxis
to all those present at the
Training Center on a date
to be set later (last year,
the first cases of malaria

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(Translation (No. 29)

had already appeared during
the month of APRIL.)

- Preventive treatment of mil. malaria
cases during the month of April according
to the regulation which will be presented
by the Ist. of War. - Mil. Med. Dir. Gen.

The Ags will make agreements
with the FROSINONE Provincial
Doctor in regard to the anti-malaria
campaign among the civilian population
and in regard to the conducting
of the very important small cleaning
up work into an active profitable
collaboration.

Hygienic Condition of the billets.

1500 recruits are already
present at BOSCO FAITI. The 1499
accommodation and repair works
are being intensified, but
much time will certainly be

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in order to obtain a normal and adequate accommodation.

Palliasses and three blankets have been issued to ~~every~~ each soldier. Double-tier bunks are awaited.

The fixed latrines still cannot be used and are in a deplorable condition. Field latrines will be built as soon as the digging tools have arrived (9th inst). Water does not reach all of the existing faucets. Wash stands with metal pipes, have not yet been set up.

Individual and Collective Hygiene -

As soon as the recruits arrive, they take a shower in a field bath granted by the Disinfection Section, while their civilian clothes are cleaned

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with anti-parasite powder.

Many of the new arrivals who are affected with pediculosis and scabies, are isolated immediately. Only one shirt and only one pair of drawers have been issued to each man. Cases of pediculosis have not been discovered among the many military already cleaned and medically examined. The final bath is still being planned.

Infirmary.

The pavilion selected is still being fixed up and will be ready in about ten days. The infirmary has a waiting-room, an examination room, a ward (20 camp cots) and an

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isolation wards, with the
relative hygienic services.
The setting up of another pavilion
unit to bed spaces as already
planned. On the training camps
will reach the strength of 6000
men, with an additional 1000 men
at the ANAGNI detachment. I believe
that it would be useful to
send a field hospital there,
as was done for the CESANO
and ORVIETO Centers.

At present there is only
a ~~small~~ infirmary aid room
at the entrance of the establishment
Med. Lt. VALSECCHI ANTONIO
directs the medical services,
and is assisted by Med. 2nd Lt.
FRATO: Medicines - sufficient.
The assignment of dental boy
as required.

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Translation (No. 6)

Sick Rate

Medical State - Good. The average amount of men requiring examination is 3% of strength present. The amount of men placed under observation has not been numerous up to now. Only one case of paratifo has been reported, and the person affected was immediately hospitalized.

Vaccinations - All of the military have been vaccinated against smallpox and have received their first anti-typhus injection. Registers are lacking and up to now have been substituted by nominal lists by companies. I have sent a letter to the Kg for the granting

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of stationary to the first aid post.

Detachment at ANAGNI

Since the 6th inst., approximately 700 recruits, in very poor hygienic condition, have been located in the former BOMBRINI and PARODI building near the ~~the~~ ANAGNI railway station. Only a few latrines and a kitchen are available. The piped hygiene services are not working and are in the worst hygienic conditions. Field latrines are lacking. Outdoor washstands are being constructed. Potable water for cooking is brought from ANAGNI in a water truck. Water for washing purposes will be had from RIO S. MARIA on RIO TUFANO when electric power has been granted.

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I believe that it is necessary to stop the arrival of other recruits until the hygienic condition of said camp is adequate for a collective life. Furthermore, as the assignment of a field hosp at AYAGNI is impossible, the recruits should be sent to BOSCO FRITI for showers, cleaning, and clothing.

Medical 2nd Lt. STRINI is director of Med. Service and has completed the anti-smallpox vaccinations and the first typhus injections. The area is still considered a malaria zone and therefore all present should receive chemical prophylaxis.

Lt. Col. FILIPPO 14-455

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TRANSLATION.

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FROM: Fed. Dir.Rome Mil.Terr.HQ. REF: 447/IS

TO: Rome Mil.Terr.HQ. DATE: 1o March 1945

SUBJECT: Vaccination of reinforcements sent from Training Centres to the Combat Groups.

This Directorate,in letter 333/IS,forwarded for information to that H.Q.,gave instructions to the Training Centres of Cesano, Frosinone,Orvieto,for the putting into effect of the imperative instructions given by the ministry of War Military Medical Directorate General (dispatch 4/o55/IS) in respect of the reinforcements to be sent to the Combat Groups already vaccinated against small-pox, typhoid and para-typhoid and typhus.

We notify,however,that the Director of Medical Services of the Orvieto Training Centre has submitted that,for military necessities, the dispatch to the Combat Groups continues to occur of ~~a~~ personnel who have only been at Orvieto a few days and for whom it ~~has~~ not ~~been~~ possible to carry out the contemporary anti-smallpox vaccination and first anti-typhus inoculation.

Also at the Cesano Training Centre the dispatch appears frequent of reinforcement groups who could not have all the prescribed vaccinations already carried out.

Sgd. GUERRA
Col.M.C.

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TRANSLATION

From; Medical Directorate Mil. Florence.
To. ;M.of W.

Ref; 616/I.P./S.T/M.
12/3/45.

Subject; Source of infective Hepatitis.

In ref., to teleprint No 4/597/I.S. received 8/3/45.

No source of Infective Hepatitis has been verified within the jurisdiction of this directorate, during the years 1940-41-42-43.

During the Months of Oct and Nov 1944 numbers of cases of suspected (Leptospirosi) in the 210th Div Inf. have come under observation and examination, but with negative results(letter from this Gen Dir. 4/3651/I.S. dated the 12/12/44.

Col Med. Dir .
(Signed; Filippo Grifi)

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-TRANSLATION-

From: DIRSANITES BARI
TO: ROME

Ref 736/IS
Date 19/3/45

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Subject: Telegram_ - Infective Hepatitis Return

Ref telegram 4/597/is dated the 6th inst.

We beg to report that total number of cases of Infective Hepatitis is 1542 AS shewn below/

273	-----Cases in ---------	1940
342	" "	1941
407	" "	1942
417	" "	1943
103	" "	1944

List follows containing monthly data and units hit the most;

TRANSLATION

From M.O.W.
To M.M.I.A.

Ref4/930/is
Date 22/3/45

For your information, and further to this Directorate General, Letters no 4/862/is of the 15 inst, and 4/732/ is of the 6 inst.

Sign'd Col MAUGERI

Cpl V/C

Make a copy of this and send to ~~CH/S~~/ PH S/C. with 1493

Medical letter. Loan 20/3.

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"A" for info and return to Medical

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
C.M.F.

Subject:- Hygiene - Italian Army. Reference M.6234.

To :- Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services,
Land Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission (M.M.I.A.),
ROME.

The appended extract from the Monthly Hygiene Report of A.D.H., Eighth Army is forwarded for information :-

"DISPOSAL OF WASTE MATTER.

The complete absence of any rudiments of a sanitary conscience amongst Italian troops leads to indiscriminate fouling, which it is impossible to check except by slow degrees. Officers are as bad as men. The trouble proceeds from a conception of "cleanliness" which it is difficult for a British soldier to comprehend; it is best illustrated by the fact that an Italina will object to using a seat latrine for motives of delicacy which are not offended by the foulest of squatters, simply because in the case of the latter he does not come into intimate personal contact with the article in question. These prejudices are so ingrained that one cannot afford to disregard them. It is possible, however, to induce officers to use seat-pattern latrines, and other ranks to use squatters, and efforts are being made to ensure the provision of a sufficient quantity of both types, and to prevent their misuse. Slow progress is being made, from a situation where the only latrines existing in Italian units were open pits of the foulest description, through one where obvious pollution of camp sites is at least being avoided, to the hoped for goal where fly proof deep trench latrines will be the rule. It is, perhaps, optimistic to hope that this final state can be reached before the fly begins its summer programme, but this must be attempted. Unit sanitary orderlies and personnel of the Italian Sanitary Platoons (Cremona and Friuli Gruppi) attending courses at No.11 Fd Hyg Sec are taking back with them, on completion of the course, sample latrine structures for installation at their units, where it is hoped they may make an impression as a curiosity, if for no other reason. Hygiene officers, sanitary inspectors

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H.D.Chalke

H.D.CHALKE, Lieut-Colonel, A.D.H.
for Major General,
Surgeon, D.M.S., A.F.H.Q.

22 Mar 45.
WED.

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Subject: Hygiene - Italian Units

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
A/7

24 Mar 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. I am directed to inform you that the Allied Authorities in the forward areas are very dissatisfied with the unhygienic and insanitary conditions of buildings, camps and areas occupied by units of the Italian Army.

2. This matter has repeatidly been brought to your notice and some improvement has been effected in some instances.

3. You are again reminded of the importance of this question in regard not only to the health of the troops, but also to the relationship between troops of various nations concerned.

4. Please ensure that energetic action is taken by commanding officers concerned and by officers in charge of all training depots and reinforcement centres in rear, to train all ranks adequately in this elementary military duty.

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Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Telegram

Dirscmiles Palermo No. 275/IS (.) With ref to signal 4597/IS dated 6th inst (.) No source of infective hepatitis has been reported among troops on the Island during past four years (.) During winter - springtime 1941 - 1942 cases have been reported amongst troops of 2nd Bn 6th Inf Regt at SANTANINFA TRAPANI of mild Spirochaetus Icterus Haemorragic with about 100 men affected the the above mentioned disease (.) All medical files and hospital cards referring to military patients admitted to Reserve hospital No 2 have been lost (.) Probably report concerning above exists at General Medical Directorate.(.) Dirscmiles Barone 120010

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

No 4/863/I.S. di prot. 15 March 45.

To: Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA)

For info: Stato Maggiore R. Esercito - Ufficio C.A.

Herewith for your information, copy of signal with reference to letter 4/732/I.S. dated 6 March 45, of this Directorate.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
IL COLONNELLO MEDICO
(N. Maugeri)

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Note original sent to PHS/c. file copy

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Subject: Infective Hepatitis.

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Land Forces Sub Comd.
A.C. (MMIA)
ROME
M/2/1192
19 March 45

Public Health Sub Comm. A.C.
for Lt.Col. Frizelle.

Herewith Some information ref your queries on jaundice epidemics. Will forward any further data as it becomes available from Ministry of War.

A.C.Heggie

Major,
D.A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA)

/RBG

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COPY TRANSLATION

From; Medical Dir CMT. Rome. Ref; 4/1/I.S.

To ; MM, oSW. 9/3/45.

Subject; Infective Hepatitis.

With ref to letter 4/591/I/S from this General Directorate we inform you that from 1940-1944, only 8 cases of infective Hepatitis were verified among the troops of the Group Squadron Savoia Cavalleria, (year 1943, month of june and july)who were stationed on coast defence in the area between the river Garigliano and Fiume. Gaeta.

The emoscopic examination of the patients, and the captured rats,have always had negative results, and the course of the disease is mild.

Col., Medical Director.

(Guerra Dr.Vincenzo.)

From; Mof W. Ref; 4/862/IS.

To ; MMIA. 15/3/45

~~~~~~~~~~ for information further ~~see~~ letter 4/732//I.S. dated 6/3/45.of this General Directorate.

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Director General a.p.s.

GD. Medical Col.,

(N.Maugeri.)

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DADR.S.

This course is a course in man-management. The object of each subject is to teach officers their responsibilities regarding that subject, to their men.

I consider the medical side should consist of eight 50 min periods including time for discussion and tests a including revision and demonstration (perhaps a further four hours.

Your skeleton lectures should be framed as above to show how the officer, by intereating himself in the physical condition of his men can promote discipline and efficiency.

Please re-model on above lines rather than as at present which is rather more an elementary course on Hygiene.

I will do it with you if you wish.

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URGENT

Subject: Courses Interior Economy - Italian Army.

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To: ✓AIS
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G(AG)
ADMIN
MADDOR ✓

1. It has been decided by the C.O.C. that the War Ministry be required to initiate courses for Italian Army regimental Officers at which the Syllabus attached as App "A" will be covered.

The scheme has the approval of AFHQ to whom the draft is to be submitted for final vetting.

2. You are requested to elaborate the points mentioned in App "A" and submit as soon as possible to G(AI) the framework of lectures and/or demonstrations to be given. Sufficient detail is required to enable the War Ministry to prepare in full "Standard" lectures on the subject.

through "A"

R. A. CURTIS, Lt.Col.
for Colonel, D/A&Q
MMIA

RAC/ls
14 Mar.

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APPENDIX "A" to MMIA
3/G/15/1 dated 16 Feb 45.

COURSES FOR IMPROVING THE EFFICIENCY OF ITALIAN OFFICERS.

(i) Man-Management and morale.

(ii) Organisation and control of instructions regarding feeding, including Allied rations and Italian supplements etc.

- General Directives.
- Composition of standard type rations and special supplements which may be granted on Allied authority to Italian troops in special circumstances.
- Allied imported articles and It. local resources itself.
- Food supplies for It. Armed Forces (personnel, organisation procedure). Procedure for issue Allied foodstuffs (MMIA) Instructions on organisation of supplies to It. Armed Forces).
- Supplies of supplementary items (War Ministry letter 1371/3.1 - 7.12.44).

(iii) Organisation and procedure for supply of equipment, clothing etc. including Allied Equipment supplied by Allies.

(a) Supply of clothing and equipment, general services, barrack stores, cooking material

- Allied.
- Italian.

(b) Issue

- to units under Allied control.
- to units not under Allied control (including CC RR even if under Allied control).

(c) Forms for requests or indents.

(d) Instruction regulating entry of Allied Material in It. Depots, rules for issues, transfers from one depot to another, etc. (Circular II/21469 - 17/10/44 and Admin Instruction No. 11).

(iv) Personal and General Hygiene.

- Feeding of the soldier from an energy point of view, (composition of daily rations, protein calory yield, carbon hydrates and fats, notions on vitamins and main diseases due to lack of vitamins).
- Personal hygiene-control of individual hygiene (collective medical inspection).

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SHEET 2

- Notions on venereal disease and most usual infective diseases and forms of contagion.

- Prophylactic measures to be adopted in cases of V.D., infective and contagious diseases (anti-V.D. salts, principal means of disinfection.)

- Baths, their need from a hygienic point of view and available means (Field Baths, mobile Baths, sea bathing).

- Clothing of soldiers in accordance with season and climate.

- Notions on water and its potability - chemical and physical agents available for the sterilisation of water.

- Sanitation of camps and billets.

- Hygienic rules for life in barracks and in camps - cures for sun stroke and freezing.

(v) Discipline and Regulations

Main notions on:-

- Discipline regulations.
- Mil penal code in war time.
- Rules for life in barracks.
- Road Transport.
- Traffic control and troops movement in war time.
- Instruction on Anglo-American clothing and equipment.
- War service movement and billeting of troops.

(vi) Soldiers Pay and Allotments.

- Strength administered.
- Identity book and situation reports.
- Ledgers, diaries - unit accountancy.
- Men's Laundry.
- Basic Pay of soldiers (cases in which pay is stopped).
- Emoluments: Operational allowance - 45 special allowance 32 Heavy labour allowance 20.

(vii) Welfare

- Need for welfare

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ENCLOSURE 3

- Allied organisations.
- Central and local organisations.
- Mobile and permanent canteens. Soldiers shops.
- Morale welfare for soldiers and patriots.
- Visits to Allied Welfare organisations in [illegible] and in provincial units.
- Showing of Allied films.

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(IV) Military Hygiene and Sanitation

(a) Introduction - definition - ~~objects~~ - responsibility of all officers and men - special factors relating to disease in the Army - general causes of disease and modes of spread - excremental - droplet INFECTIONS - contact diseases of V.D. and Scabies - insect borne diseases of malaria and typhus - exposure to extremes of heat and cold.

(b) Personal hygiene and health - ablution - field baths - sea bathing - cleanliness of hands (especially cooks) - care of feet - ventilation and sleeping accommodation - suitable clothing - ~~diet in relation to energy - proteins, carbohydrates fats and vitamins - variety in methods of cooking - regular medical inspections~~ - vaccination.

(c) Sanitation in the field - special circumstances - disposal of excreta - latrines - urinals - disposal of liquid waste and dry refuse - incinerators - illustration by diagrams and models - improvisation - fly-proofing of cookhouses - reasons for fly control etc.

(d) Water supply - requirements of quantity and quality - water borne diseases - purification and sterilisation - Italian and British methods.

(e) Malaria - mode of infection and spread - large scale control by specialists - small scale control by units very important - anti-malarial equipment and discipline - mepacrine (atebrin)

(f) Venereal diseases - types - appearance of lesions - importance of early treatment - reporting of contacts - preventive measures-personal - unit treatment centres.

(g) Typhus, Pediculosis and Scabies - modes of infection - cleanliness - disinfestation of clothes and bedding - ~~Hexachlorethane - Benzyl Benzoate~~.

(h) Care of the Sick and Wounded - training of stretcher bearers ~~supervised by officers~~ and first aid workers by medical offic - ~~some~~ medical equipment ~~and~~ of company - Use of stretcher bearers - care of wounded in battle. WAM 15/3

In each lecture stress should be laid on the action to be taken by the officer in order to ensure all these facilities are available to him under - ~~e.g.~~ e.g. both hands, ball boot, first parcels after wound, proper clothing ~~etc~~ - location of nearest medical unit & ambulance car - ~~what to do~~

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A ~~first~~ aid lecture should be laid on the action to be taken by the officer in order to ensure all these facilities are available to him - ~~e.g.~~ e.g. both parade, sick book, first parade after wound, proper clothing ~~for~~ location of nearest medical unit and ambulance car - ~~where to obtain~~ how and where to obtain medical supplies, disinfectants, anti-louse powder

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Care of wounded as an aid to morale.

officers to visit their men in hospital
officer to know how many & how often their men are sick.
Inspection of field dressings & lessons in first aid for officers.

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From. H of W
To. MMIH

Ref n° 206378/11
Date 15-3-45.

Re-opening of Military medical practical training centre.

M/2/707

Further to statements in letter 204447/11 dated 18 feb 45, we inform you that "T" delegation HQ have made known that it is impossible to transfer this HQ as there is no available accommodation of any premises, complying with the requirements, in FIRENZE.

Such impossibility was also made known to MMIH by 5th Army through their L.O. who has on other hand, pointed out the advisability for T delegation to occupy the PALAZZO S. CATERINE (old Army Corps HQ) as soon as vacated by M.A.A.F.'s HQ.

Therefore up to such date where "T" delegation be able to occupy the A/M buildings it will be impossible to Re-open the A/M school.

R Mansfield
Lt Col

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Subject: Hygiene Inspections.

To: The SURGEON,
R.A.A.C.

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Med/2/183.
13 March 45.

Herewith copies of reports of hygiene inspections carried out in respect of Italian Units on R.A.A.C. location list, forwarded for your information.

Copy to: D.A.D.M.S.,
M.M.I.A.

Field.

Lieut. RAMC.
O.C. 25 Field Sanitary Section.

No attn w/l. RAAC on Italian Units

Wdl 15/3. AT/21/1103/180 BRITISH

Sanitary Inspection.

Unit - 503 Compagnia Nebbiogeno (Smoke Coy) Date - 28.2.45
Location - Artillery Barracks. Strength - 211
Type of Accommodation - Barracks. Overcrowding - None
Ventilation - Satisfactory

WATER SUPPLY.

Source - Rome main supply

WASHING FACILITIES.

Ablution facilities - Wash basin.
Bath facilities and bath register - Showers.
Cloting - Men do own washing or by civilians.

DISPOSAL OF WASTE WATER.

Main Drainage.

COOKHOUSE.

Type of Structure - Brick Building.
Cleanliness of Cookhouse and cooks' hand - clean.
Cooking Facilities - Boilers heated by oil burners.
Cookhouse rules, - Towel, soap, etc. - No cookhouse rules. No towel - men use own towel. Shortage of soap.
Certificate of Medical examination - None.

DINING HALL.

Cleanliness - Clean.
Washing Utensils - Satisfactory.
Arrangements for service - Men queue for food.

RATION STORE

Type of Structure - Rations are stored in cookhouse. Bread is stored

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RATION STORE

Type of Structure - Rations are stored in cookhouse. Bread is stored in sacks.

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REFUSE AND SWILL.

Cleanliness of area - Clean.
Type of Container - Bin with lid.
Disposal - Taken away by Contractor.

LATRINE ACCOMMODATION.

Type - Squat type latrines.
Condition - Fair. Difficult to keep clean - shortage of disinfectant.

URINALS.

Type - Trough.
Condition - Satisfactory.
Cleanliness - Fair.

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ANTI FLY MEASURES

None.

ANTI MALARIAL MEASURES -

None.

INOCULATION STATE.

TAB. Not all completed Vac. - All.

V.D.- Low. PAC arrangements - None.

VERMIN - Nil.

REMARKS.

3 Cooks are sleeping in cookhouse; which is also the ration store. This is apparently an Italian Army Regulation that cooks sleep in ration store in order to protect rations.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

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(2) That alternative accommodation be found for the ration store., and that the men do not leep there.

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Unit. 50 Italian Increment to 715 AW. Coy.
Location. Artillery Barracks.
Type of accommodation. Barracks

Date. 2.3.45
Strength. 112
Overcrowding.
Ventilation. Good.

WATER SUPPLY.

Source. Rome Supply.
Storage. Tanks.
Treatement.

WASHING FACILITIES.

Ablution facilities. Wash Basins.
Bath facilities and bath register. Showers - out of order but REs are working on this Register Capt.
Cloting; Men do own.

DISPOSAL OF WASTE WATER.

Main Drainage.

COOKHOUSE.

Type of structure. Stone Building.
Cleanliness of cookhouse and cook's hands. Clean. No special issue of soap for cooks.
Cooking facilities. Boilers.
Cookhouse rules, towel; soap, etc. NO
Certificate of medical examination. None. Italian.

DINING HALL.

Cleanliness. Clean.
Washing of utensils. Hot water.
Arrangements for service. Men queue for food.

RATION STORE.

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COOKHOUSE.

Type of structure. Stone Building.
Cleanliness of cookhouse and cook's hands. Clean. No special issue of soap for cooks.
Cooking facilities. Boilers.
Cookhouse rules, towel; soap, etc. NC
Certificate of medical examination. None. Italian.

DINING HALL.

Cleanliness. Clean.
Washing of utensils. Hot water.
Arrangements for service. Men queue for food.

RATION STORE.

Type of structure. Stone Building.
Storage of rations. Fair.
Cleanliness. Fair.
Flyproofing. Flyproof.

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REFUSE AND SWILL.

Cleanliness of area. Clean.
Type of container. Bin.
Disposal. Removed by contractor.

LATRINE ACCOMMODATION.

Type Squat type WCs.
Condition Satisfactory.
CLEANLINESS. Clean
Flyproofing.

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URINALS.

Type. Urinal stall.
Condition. Fair.

ANTI FLY MEASURES.

ANTI MALARIAL MEASURES.

INNOCULATION STATE.

DUSTING OF CIVILIAN.

By whom.

V.D.

Incidence. 2 cases to hospital. PAC Arrangements.

VERMIN. None.

CIVIL ESTABLISHMENTS UNIT.

REMARKS.

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Unit: 1st Batt. Granatieri
Location: Caserma La Marmora
Type of Accommodation: Barracks

Date: 2.3.45
Strength: 300
Overcrowding/
Ventilation: Fair

WATER SUPPLY

Source. Rome Supply
Storage. Concrete and metal tanks
Treatment. Nil

WASHING FACILITIES

Ablution facilities. 1 Tap - no wash basins
Bath facilties and Bath register; None There are showers but these do not function and men are now sleeping here.

Clothing: Men do own laundry or it is done by civilians.

DISPOSAL OF WASTE WATER.

Main Drainage

COOKHOUSE

Type of Structure. Brick Building - small and dark
Cleanliness of cookhouse and cook's hands. Dirty
Cooking facilities. Trench fire
Cookhouse rules, towel, soap etc. None. Very small amount of soap. No special issue for cooks. No towel.
Certificate of medical examination. None

Officers Kitchen . Fairly clean, but only 1 sink in which all officers wash and from which water for cooking is taken.

DINING HALL - None

Washing of Utensils - Cold Water
Arrangements for service - Men queue for food.

RATION STORE

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Storage of Rations - Rations are chiefly tinned. Rice and Bread stored in sacks.

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Type of structure - Brick Building
Storage of Rations - Rations are chiefly tinned. Rice and Bread stored in sacks.
Cleanliness. Small and dark. Not too clean. Mice infested.
Flyproofing. Not flyproofed

REFUSE AND SWILL

Cleanliness of Area Fair
Type of Container None

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LATRINE ACCOMMODATION

Type -3 squatter type trench latrine. Officers latrine - Trench no cover foul smell.
Condition - Very Bad. Emptied daily into sewer
Cleanliness - Foul
Flyproofing - No

URINALS

Type Urinal stalls
Condition Fair

ANTI FLY MEASURES None

ANTI MALARIAL MEASURES None

INOCULATION STATE Some TAB and vacc. were being done on the day of inspection.

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V.D.

Incidence 6 cases no treatment. No PAC Arrangements

VERMIN Many cases

REMARKS

There is a lack of accommodation in this camp and it is generally dirty.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:-

(1) Proper deep trench latrines be provided
(2) Ablution facilties be provided
(3) Showers be arranged
(4) Arrangements be made for washing of utensils
(5) Towel, soap and nail brush be provided in Cookhouse.

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Subject :- Hygiene and Sanitation Courses.

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10 Mar 45

DMT.

Copy to :- MMIA.

Reference conversation GIBSON - FIDDLER of 9 March.

1. Vacancies on Hygiene and Sanitation courses as originally alloted in your DMT/55/13/MT.1 of 26 Jan were amended by MMIA in their M/2/714 of 21 Feb, addressed to the Italian Ministry of War copy to DMT, as follows :-

(a)	10 - 17 Mar.	2 Medical officers 2 Junior regimental officers
(b)	17 - 24 Mar.	3 officers.

2. This allotment was further amended by MMIA M/2/899 of 4 Mar addressed to DMT which cancelled the allotment on the course from 17 - 24 Mar.

3. Confirmation of vacancies was asked for in our signal GO 67 of 8 Mar to DMT copy to MMIA to which MMIA replied in their signal M 979 of 9 Mar copy to DMT stating that there were four vacancies on course beginning 17 Mar.

4. As a result only four officers have been sent on the course from 10 - 17 Mar and Combat Group MANTOVA have been informed that the vacancies on the course beginning 17 Mar have been cancelled.

5. Unless information is received to the contrary it is now proposed to send 6 Junior regimental officers on the course beginning 17 Mar as stated in your signal DMT/602 of 9 Mar.

In the Field.
AG/oo

Lt-Col.
GS.

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Copy

From MMIA LO 3 Dist.
Ref 3DLO/37 of 31 Jan 45.

Subject: Italian Army Transit Camp

3 District
Tel Ext 73
467 M

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MMIA L.O. HQ 3 District

'A' 3 District
ADMS 56 Area

1. The above camp was inspected on 29 Jan by DDMS 3 District and ADH 3 District.

2. The hygiene conditions are appalling and immediate action is recommended to be taken in regard to the under-mentioned items.

(i) The camp requires a systematic and thorough clean-up; all tins to be collected, flattened and buried; all old straw to be collected and burnt; all faeces lying about the camp to be collected and buried, and all other refuse to be dealt with similarly.

(ii) Incinerators are required.

(iii) The drainage of the camp needs to be put on to a proper basis, including drainage from the ablution area and the cookhouse.

(iv) Facilities for bathing at the camp are nil, and disinfestation facilities do not exist, except for two steam disinfestors which, it is stated, cannot be worked properly owing to the absence of coal.
The camp has not drawn its authorised supply of AL 63. As an immediate step it is recommended that supplies of AL 63 be drawn from 14 CRASC Supply Unit, and thereafter syatematic 'dusting' of all individuals in the camp should be instituted by means of 'pepper-pot' dusting at 7-10 days interval.
It is urgently representated that if a serious epidemic such as Typhus Fever or Infective Jaundice is to be prevented, steps must be taken at once to provide regular bathing facilities for all troops in this camp. In this connection a standard Ablution Disinfestation Centre is absolutely necessary.

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(v) The food storage, Preparation and Cookhouse section of the camp is most unhygienic and totally unsuitable in all directions. It required immediate improvement both as regards structure and maintenance. 1472

(vi) The deep-trench latrines that were inspected were full right up to the brim. New trenches had been dug but are not yet in use. This should be expediated and the old trenches adequately filled in and sealed.

(vii) All men are sleeping on the ground or on straw. Many of the floors of the tents were quite wet. All possible steps are recommended to be taken to provide bed-boards or stone slabs as tent floors.

(viii) Tents were grossly over-crowded.

(ix) It is reported that all men have only two blankets and many have insufficient kit.

(x) The hospital, whilst showing slight improvement on the remainder of the camp, leaves much to be desired. There is no proper kitchen or cookhouse and the Theatre, far from being an aseptic building, it is the most septic room in the camp.

(xi) There was a general complaint of lack of medical supplies.

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3. The Italian medical officers appear to have forgotten all that they ever knew of Hygiene and Sanitation and it should be enforced on them that this is as much a part of their general work as the treatment of the sick.

4. Again, it should be reiterated that the general conditions of the camp are deplorable and that immediate steps must be taken to correct same.

(signed) xxxxxxxxx

Brigadier,
D.D.M.S.

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
A.P.O. 794 U.S. ARMY.

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SUBJECT:- Hygiene and Sanitation - CESANO. Ref:- Med(Br) 353.

M/2/342

To :- ~~G-4(Br), R.A.A.C.~~

D.A.D.M.S., M.M.I.A. ✓

The Barracks at CESANO occupied by the Reinforcement Depot for Italian Combat Troops was inspected on 27 January 1945 by D.A.D.H., R.A.A.C., in company with D.A.D.M.S., M.M.I.A.

The Barracks, first designed as a Chemical Warfare School, consist of a large number of buildings of various sizes. All the buildings are more or less structurally complete but lack windows and doors/ were removed from the building sites in early December by 104 C.R.E. which it is believed

The Barracks were occupied by an advance party on 23 December 1944 and the main body of troops arrived on 10 January 1945. Engineer work was not commenced until about 10 - 15 January 1945.

Part of the buildings are at present occupied by some 1000 refugees. Among the buildings so occupied is the camp hospital.

It is estimated that there will be 6000 Italians in occupation when the scheme is completed, at present the number is 3000. There will be an instructor staff of 100 British troops.

WATER At present all water is brought by truck and it was stated that all drinking water is brought from Rome, a statement hard to believe.

The entire barracks is piped for water which will be derived from wells via overhead storage tanks. There is every reason to believe that this supply will be adequate and pure, the wells are protected and the piping should be in good condition. Until such time as the water has been tested, however, drinking water should be chlorinated in water trucks.

On the day of inspection one well, supplying the upper partnof the barracks had been brought into use for the first time.

This well should be surrounded by a strong wire fence forbidding access to within 15 Feet of the well-head.

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DISPOSAL OF WASTE.

Human At present by means of open trench latrines with a considerable amount of indiscriminate defaecation and urination.

With the advent of an adequate water supply it will be possible to use the water-borne sewage system which drains into cess-pits.

It is recommended that fly-proof deep trench latrines be installed, also an adequate supply of urinals. Failure to use these should incur drastic punishment and their use use should be continued until it is possible to test the water-borne sewage system.

Refuse There appeared to be no systemin force for the disposal of refuse other than that of indiscriminate tipping.

It is recommended that two incinerators be erected beside areas which could be used as controlled tips.

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BATHING. Facilities will be adequate within the next day or two. At present reliance is being placed on a mobile bath unit of Italian pattern. This looked an excellent little ~~place~~ APPLIANCE and was stated to have bathed 1500 men in the previous two days. The plant is made by RANIERI in Rome and the more of these the Italian Army can have, the better.

COOKING. The cookhouses visited were of an extraordinarily primitive type and have neither law, order, nor cleanliness. It was stated that new cookhouses were going to be built but plans were not seen. It is recommended there be provision of such cookhouses and that they be placed on a high priority.

HOSPITAL. This is an overcrowded and totally inadequate building. It is recommended that the camp hospital be cleared of refugees as soon as possible and made available for Italian Military Personnel.

GENERAL REMARKS.

1. The entire camp is dirty and the ground round many of the buildings is being fouled with urine, faeces, and refuse. It would seem that occupation of this site has been rather hurried and has left organisation far behind.

2. The ~~cleanliness~~ discipline of the Italian Army with regard to field sanitation is poor. A considerable amount of education will be required before matters reach a satisfactory stage.

3. It will be necessary at present to regard the Cesano Barracks as a camp and to place reliance on field sanitary appliances. Once the water supply is assured, such appliances can be eliminated, but not till then.

4. The British L.O. at the camp stated that the main trouble at present is the inadequacy of the Italian Engineer Service. It might be advantageous to have a report from a representative of 104 CRE in order to find out exactly what the position is.

For the Surgeon,

W. DAVIDSON,
Major RAMC

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W.DAVIDSON,
Major,RAMC.,
D.A.D.H.

27 January 1945.
WD/RE/EM.

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REPORT ON VISIT TO CESANO - 16 Jan 45

(Lieut(QM) A.W.J. Cooper, RAMC - S/Capt Supplies MMIA)

1. Commanding Colonel not present. A.D.C. engaged, so visited two of the Battalion Commanders and the hospital.

2. Latrines: Four or five sets of 8 holes in the ground in the open air and screened by a few handsful of ferns. Judging by appearances, these latrines are only used when authority happens to be looking that way. Latrines are being built by Engineers but unless rate of progress is speeded up the War will be over first.

3. Urinals do not exist.

4. Baths and ablution facilities do not exist. The Major commanding one of the Battalions informed me that water is drawn from the watercarts in tins and the men then wash and can then please themselves as to disposal of the water afterwards. I saw some ablutions - one man bends over and another empties a waterbottle over his head!

5. No water laid on. Engineers have apparently been working for some time but I did not see many signs of Engineer activity. All water comes from watercarts.

6. Disinfectants: Battalion Commanders complain they are not getting them. I asked one C.O., "Have you asked for them?" He replied that he did not know but supposed that it was a Regimental Headquarters matter, or words to that effect.

7. Kitchens: Very dirty (mostly mud). The walls are filthy and there are no cooking facilities. A wood fire is laid along the wall of the kitchen and iron bars are then propped up on petrol cans. No outlet for the smoke, which makes it almost impossible to breathe inside. I tasted the food however and it was very good. There is no lighting other than the doorway and a hole or so near the roof.
   Cooks' hands very dirty - ? due to lack of water.
   Some whitewash would make a world of difference.

8. Barrack Rooms: Very much overcrowded. One room which would normally hold a British Platoon has 120 - 150 (official figure) sleeping in it. There are no paillasses but there is plenty of well-trodden straw all over the floor. There does not appear to be much system - when a man wants to sleep he just grabs the nearest comforter which lie around in heaps. When he has finished with it, it goes back with the others.
   The O.C. said that <u>some</u> of the men had paillasses but I did not see any.

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I asked one C.O., "Have you asked for them?" He replied that he did not know but supposed that it was a Regimental Headquarters matter, or words to that effect.

7. Kitchens: Very dirty (mostly mud). The walls are filthy and there are no cooking facilities. A wood fire is laid along the wall of the kitchen and iron bars are then propped up on petrol cans. No outlet for the smoke, which makes it almost impossible to breathe inside. I tasted the food however and it was very good. There is no lighting other than the doorway and a hole or so near the roof.
   Cooks' hands very dirty - ? due to lack of water.
   Some whitewash would make a world of difference.

8. Barrack Rooms: Very much overcrowded. One room which would normally hold a British Platoon has 129 - 150 (official figure) sleeping in it. There are no paillasses but there is plenty of well-trodden straw all over the floor. There does not appear to be much system - when a man wants to sleep he just grabs the nearest comforter which lie around in heaps. When he has finished with it, it goes back with the others.
   The O.C. said that <u>some</u> of the men had paillasses but I did not see any.

9. General Sanitation: Bad. Human excreta all over the place, between buildings. Heaps of empty food tins thrown over a small bank. Even if a concentrated effort were made, it will take some time to really clean the place up.
   The men looked fit and fairly happy.

<u>Hospital 50 beds</u>. Complete personnel and equipment.

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<u>Accommodation</u>. The present building will not hold more than 30 beds. 15 will be available for patients tomorrow (13th), another 15 in 4 days time.

<u>Sanitation</u>. NIL. All fittings, i.e. wash basins, flush chains, shower sprays etc., have been removed and taken away. Stop-cocks are still in situ. There are two W.C.s without water and to see them once is enough. In any case two only would be useless for 50 patients.
   There is again no water and no lighting. The paraffin lamps in the hospital equipment are unserviceable. (I did not see them as they were not yet unpacked).
   The C.O. of the hospital complained that he has to get many things from Rome - augmenting diets, hospital laundry etc., but cannot get transport.
   I suggested that he should use the Regimental transport but apparently they draw their stores in a hand-cart which is man-handled to Rome and back.

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Subject: Inoculation & Vaccination - Italian Army

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
ROME
M/2/988
9 March 45

DEMS 1 District

Herewith as requested a translation of orders issued by Medical Directorate, Italian Ministry of War in their letter 4/3567/I.S. of 2 Dec 44, and signal 4/168/I.S. of 25 Jan 45.

W. C. Leggie

Major,
D.A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA)

/RMG

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T R A N S L A T I O N

FROM: MINISTRY OF WAR — Ref N°4/3614/IS

TO : M.M.I.A. — Date: Dec/2, 1945

Subject:- T.A.B. Tetanus, smallpox and typhus vaccinations and re-vaccinations.

We enclose, for your information, copy of circular N°4/3567/IS of the 2nd inst, released by this Directorate, in reference to T.A.B., tetanus, smallpox and typhus vaccinations and re-vaccinations.

Signed: F. CALDAROLA

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T R A N S L A T I O N

Copy for_____

MINISTRY OF WAR
GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF THE ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE
2nd DIVISION - 1st SECTION

Ref N°4/3567/I.S. Rome, December 2, 1944

Subject:- T.A.B., Tetanus, smallpox and typhus vaccinations and re-vaccinations.

To : All H.Q.'s Organizations, Regional Medical Directorates and Medical Offices.

In compliance with definite instructions issued by the H.Q. of the Allied Forces, and with a view to controlling epidemics, it is hereby ordered that a most through check-up be made of the vaccination status of all military personnel, including officers, concerning typhoid and paratyphoid fever, smallpox and typhus.

All Medical Directorates of regional Military Commands and all Division Medical offices will scrupulously follow the instructions hereunder:-

1) T.A.B. and Titanus vaccination and revaccination.

All military personnel without exception who appear to have never been vaccinated before, or have been vaccinated over a year ago, against typhoid and paratyphoid fever, must be vaccinated at once by means of three T.A.B. Te.preventive vaccine injections administered at an interval of 15 days from one another: the 1st will be 1 cm.cm, the 2nd two cm.cms, the 3rd two cm.cms.

All military personnel who have been given said treatment during the past six months will be re-vaccinated at once by means of two T.A.B. Te. vaccine injections administered at a distance of 15 days: the first of 1 cm.cm, the second of 2 cm.cms.

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Only officers and O.R.'s over 45 years of age may be exempted from this treatment.

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Injections will be administered in accordance with medical regulations (see Instructions for personal hygiene of Army personnel, 1940 edition, para 235) and for each man there shall be entered on a special register both local and general reactions observed, so as to be all to summarize them later in the quarterly table to be forwarded to this Directorate.

Specifically, you are reminded of the need to call the attention of all subordinates directing the medical service of units to the rules of asepsis and technical procedure to be followed in administering vaccinal injections, viz:

- Sterilization of syringes and needles by means of ebullition (individual needle).
- Disinfection of the skin with tincture of iodine.
- Shake vial thoroughly for about 1 minute before drawing the vaccine, in order to distribute the bacterial substance evenly.
- After drawing the liquid, push air bubbles, if any, out of ~~syringe~~.
- Apply the injection to the subcutaneous cellular tissue of the uppermost part of the pectoral region, in proximity of the subclavicular region, making sure that after the needle is inserted, it can be moved about freely under the ~~skin so as~~ to avoid injecting the vaccine either into the derma or intra-muscularly. Draw out needle, and, if bleeding is observed, change its point.
- inject the liquid slowly and do not massage after injection; apply a cotton wad to the affected part, for a few minutes.
- All vaccinated military personnel should be allowed to rest for 48 hours.
- Exempt temporarily from vaccination all military personnel whose physical condition makes them unfit therefor; such cases are to be carefully screened in each instance.

2) <u>Smallpox vaccination and re-vaccination.</u>

All military personnel, including officers, who appear to have never been vaccinated against smallpox or were vaccinated ~~more than~~ over a year ago or were re-vaccinated even if recently with a negative result, will be re-vaccinated at once; if possible, such re-vaccination will be made to coincide with the first T.A.B. Te. vaccine injection.

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Should the service records of said military personnel fail to reveal thses data clearly and unequivocally, the vaccination will be carried out just the same.

In view of the well-known ease with which smallpox epidemics may develop among the civilian population, it will be absolutely necessary that no one, no matter what the reason, be exempted from smallpox immunization.

What few cases of smallpox were reported among military personnel involve:-

- Men who had not been re-vaccinated for over a year, due to carelessness on the part of responsible authorities or due to the fact that they were on isolated duty and, therefore, not readily controllable.
- Men who, even through re-vaccinated during the past year, failed to show a positive effect of the vaccinal innoculation and for whom no provision had been made - as prescribed by the regulations and as ordered by this Directorate - to perform the vaccination a second and also a third time, possibly changing the source of the vaccine.
Upon directive and executive organs will fall the responsibilities which might arise due to lack of immunizing treatments or to failure to repeat the vaccinal innoculation (second and third time, at a distance of 8 days from negative result).
As for the technical rules to be followed, you are reminded that the provisions of par.205 and following ones of the instructions for personal hygiene of Royal Army personnel will have to be scrupulously adhered to; accordingly:
- All military personnel is to be allowed to rest on the day of innoculation.
- On the following days, until the development of the pustules, they may take part in some exercises or perform some duties, but must not be required to do heavy work.
- On the day preceding the innoculation, men will be required to take a bath.
- The spot on which the vaccination is to be performed will be the outer part of the left arm (right arm if men is left-handed) at a place corresponding roughly with the lower insertion of the deltoid muscle.
- The skin on which the injection is to be made will be

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de-greesed with alcohol, ether or benzine and should be left to dry before the injection is made (you are reminded that men to be vaccinated must report stripped to the waist and not with a rolled-up shirt sleeve, in order to avoid the all too easy dispersion of the serum - or other complications - in rolling up the sleeve, before the innoculated spot has dried up.

- In preparing the spot where the injection is to be made, never use antiseptics such as sublimate, tincture of iodine, carbolic acid, etc.

- There will be used individual vaccination needles previously sterilized through (boiling possible, avoid flame sterilizat= ion), providing a sufficient number of them so as to be able to continue sterilizing them immediately after use, without having to discontinue operations. If no vaccination needles are available, new pen nibs may will be used, but they must be carefully boiled in plain water for 5 minutes.

- It is immaterial, from the standpoint of effectiveness, whether the vaccinal serum is placed on the skin first and the incision is made afterwards, or viceversa; in practice, however, the first method is preferable because it obviates the necessity for a twofold sterilization of the vaccination needle and eliminates the possibility.

- In the event of forgetfulness - of contaminating the vaccinal serum.

- There will be made two or three incisions, with slits two or three millimeters in length, at a distance of at least a couple of cm. from one another, in such a way as to avoid bleeding.

- In the case of re-vaccination, injections will be made in the other arm, or at a distance of not less than 3 cm. from the scars of the preceding vaccination.

- The innoculated spot will be left to dry thoroughly before vaccinated men are allowed to dress.

- On and after the 5th day after vaccination, innoculated personnel will report daily to the medical officer until such time as the result of the vaccination is ascertained. Cases in which pustules begin to develop must be allowed to rest and must be excused from all duties and inspected daily in order that the eruption may be followed in all its phases.

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- In case of men vaccinated for the first time, the result of the vaccination is considered to be satisfactory if, 8 days after the injection there have appeared and matured at leqnt one or two pustules depending upon the number of discharges.

- In re-vaccinated cases, evidence of positive effectiveness of the vaccination will be furnished by abortive pustules, blisters and nodules which appear to be dried up on the date of inspection.

- If the result is negative, the vaccination will be performed a second and also a third time, preferable with vaccine from a different source.

- Vaccinations and re-vaccinations and the result thereof will be recorded on a special booklet bearing the name of the man concerned - to be kept at the corps or unit infirmary - and on the service record of each man (as is done for the other vaccinations).

3) Typhus vaccination and re-vaccination.

Similarly to the procedure which is already being followed for Combat Groups and to that normally followed by Allied Forces, all military personnel, including officers, however employed, will be vaccinated against typhus. Such treatment will be administered not later than 20 days after the other immunizing innoculations.
The vaccination consits od three injections of 1 cm.cm. each, to be performed on the subcutaneous tissue of the sub= clavicular region, at an interval of 7 days from one another. Care must be taken not to inject the vaccine intravenously. In general, the reaction caused by the vaccine is very mild, wherefore, as a rule, vaccinated personnel must not be excused from duty for any length of time.
In the case of officers and OR's who received this immunizing treatment over six months ago, there will be performed the so-called "booster" or stimulating injection, consisting of 1 cm.cm., always subcutaneously and subject to the current rules of asepsis.
The T.A.B.Te vaccine should be acquired from the Regional Medical Directorates from the "Istituto Vaccinogeno Toscano "SCLAVO" of Siena or from the "Istituto Sieroterapico Nazionale" of Naples.
The smallpox vaccine will be bought by said Directorates

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from the aforementioned institutions or from the Instituto Superiore di Sanità Publica (Rome) or, for Sicily or Sardinia, from the Stazione Zooprofilattica Siciliana at Palermo. All purchases will be reported to this Directorate for its information.

Requirements of typhus vaccine will be submitted to this Directorate, who will make the proper allotments.

Regional Medical Directorates and all Division medical officers without exception are requested to assure this office that the foregoing instructions will be promptly complied with and upon completion of treatments will forward a corresponding report to this Directorate.

Signed: F. CALDAROLA
Director General.

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Subject: Epidemic Jaundice

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Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MSIA)
ROME
M/2/978
9 March 45

Public Health Sub Comm.
A.C.

Further this office letter M/2/742 of 23 Feb 45., the following letter has been received from Ministry of War.

Further information will be forwarded when received.

Major.
D.A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MSIA)

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

Ref: 732/I.S. 6 March 45

To: Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.

Subject:- Sources of Epidemic Jaundice

Reference letter M/2/742 dated 23.2.45.

The research made amongst the files of this General Directorate have not enabled us to trace any sources of epidemic jaundice amongst the Italian troops either here or in Africa during the years 1940 - 1944. It is to be noted that the files dealing with such cases have been taken to the North.

The writer has, however, contacted the dependent medical Directorates of Regions so that they may, as soon as possible, send us the information that they possess in their files.

As soon as we receive such data, they will be sent for information to MMA.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
F. Calderola

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SUBJECT: Courses for Italian Personnel

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ, CMF

Tel: 11667

DMT/55/13/MT1

7 Mar 45.

HQ M.M.I.A.

Reference your M/2/899 dated 4 Mar 45.

Para 2 ~~is~~ agreed.

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Lord

M/2/975

Maj-Brig.
D.M.T.

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Subject: Courses for Italian Personnel

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Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
RC2M
M/2/899
4 March 45

D.M.T.
c/o 56 Area

Reference your BTV/520 of 1 March and further my M/2/714 of 21 Feb 45.

1. British Training Unit, NIC, ICF have informed MMIA that they can accept vacancies for 3 officers for course as in para 1 (b) of MMIA M/2/714 of 21 Feb 45, for the period 17 to 24 March 45. The names of these officers are being sent direct to C.M.T.C., Benevento.

2. BTU, NIC cannot spare officers for the first course and it is suggested that the allotment to Mantova Combat Group will stand as arranged as per para 1 (a) of MMIA M/2/714 of 21 Feb 45. Will assume this agreed unless information to contrary received. 1(a)

W. A. Beggie
Major,
D.A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA)

/RMC

Copy to: BTU NIC ICF. (ref your letter BTV/A2/9 of 3 March not to all)
56 HLR (para 1(b) of MMIA M/2/714 of 21 Feb cancelled for officers from Mantova Group)

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British Training Unit RTC ICF
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm
AC (MEDIA) RCME.
Ref BTU/A2/9

3 March 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MEDIA) RCME
(For attention Major HEGGIE.

SUBJECT :- Courses for Italian personnel.

Ref your phone message 3 March.

1. The RTC can accept course of Fd Sanitation and Anti Malaria 17/24 March for 3 Officers.

2. The names of the 3 Officers will be sent to the CMTC BENEVENTO with a copy to you as confirmation.

3. The RTC consider that they cannot afford to spare Officers to attend the Hygiene and Sanitation course.

Alfred Cobb
for Col.
Comd.

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Teleprint

From: M of W, Directorate of the Medical Service

To: Directorate of Medical Service, Rome (by hand)
" " " " Naples (by telegram)
" " " " Bari (" ")

War Ministry, Medical Division No. 4/655/IS Stop Please issue instructions in order that there may be always available at all reinforcement transit camps for combat groups and for divisions present in the territory under your jurisdiction or under the control of your directorate, sufficient amounts of T/A/B/TE, Smallpox and typhus vaccines stop specifically, those vaccines must be always available at reinforcement transit camps of Cesano and Orvieto and Trani and Afragola stop by express order from the Allied authorities all personnel leaving transit camps for combat groups or for divisions or for other commands must, I say must, always be fully vaccinated before their departure stop you will report at once to this ministry vaccine requirements, if any, and confirm by some means prompt compliance with the foregoing. stop transmit by mail copy of instructions issued in this connection to all transit camps under your jurisdiction stop

General Caldarola 1300013

Signed: Col. N. Mangeri, M.D.
Division Head

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZ... GENERALE DI SANITÀ MILITARE

TELESCRITTO

AT ..RSAMILES ROMA (a mano)
AT DIRSAMILES NAPOLI (via tele)
AT DIRSAMILES BARI (via tele)

GUERRA SANITA' NUMERO 4/655/IS ALT PREGASI PROVVEDERE PERCHE' SIA SEMPRE DISPONIBILE PRESSO TUTTI CAMPI AFFLUENZA COMPLEMENTI PER GRUPPI COMBATTIMENTO ET PER DIVISIONI IRSENTI IN TERRITORIO CODESTA GIURISDIZIONE AUT DIPENDENTI DA CODESTA DIREZIONE SUFFICIENTI QUANTITATIVI VACCINI T/A/B/TE ET ANTIVAIOLOSO ET ANTIDERMOTIFICO ALT IN PARTICOLARE DETTI VACCINI DEVONO ESSERE SEMPRE DISPONIBILI PRESSO CAMPI AFFLUENZA COMPLEMENTI DI CESANO ET DI ORVIETO ET DI TRANI ET DI AFRAGOLA ALT PER DISPOSIZIONE TASSATIVA AUTORITA'ALLEATE TUTTO PERSONALE CHE LASCIA CAMPI AFFLUENZA PER GRUPPI COMBATTIMENTO AUT PER DIVISIONI AUT PER ALTRI COMANDI DEBBET DICO DEBBET ESSERE SEMPRE COMPLETAMENTE VACCINATO PRIMA DELLA PARTENZA ALT SEGNALARE SUBITO AT QUESTO MINISTERO EVENTUALE FABBISOGNO VACCINI ET ASSICURARE STESSO MEZZO PRONTA ATTEMPERANZA QUANTO SOPRA ALT TRASMETTERE PER POSTA COPIA DISPOSIZIONI IMPARTITE IN PROPOSITO AT TUTTI CAMPI AFFLUENZA DI CODESTA GIURISDIZIONE FINE GENERALE CALDAROLA....13000103

IL CAPO DIVISIONE
COLONNELLO MEDICO
(N. Mengeri)

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Translation

TELEGRAM

Fran: Min of War Sanita

To: DDMS Rome (by hand)
DDMS Naples (by telegram)
DDMS Bari (by telegram)

War Ministry, Medical Directorate No 4/655/IS (.)

Please issue instructions in order that there may always be available at all reinforcement ~~camps~~ transit camps for combat groups and for divisions present in the territory under your jurisdiction or under the control of your Directorate, sufficient amounts of TAB Tc, small pox and typhus vaccines (.) Specifically those vaccines must be always available at reinforcement transit camps of Cesano and Orvieto and Trani and Afragola (.) By express order from the Allied authorities all personnel leaving transit camps for combat groups or for divisions or for other commands must, I say must, always be fully vaccinated before their departure (.) You will report at once to this Ministry vaccine requirements if any and confirm by same means prompt compliance with the foregoing (.) Transmit by mail copy of instructions issued in this connection to all transit camps under your jurisdiction (.) General Caldraola

(signed) Colonnello Medico
(N. Maugeri)

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Translation

From SMRE
To. NAPLES Terr. Command
& for info To MMIN
Subject: Hygeine & Anti Malaria Course.

Ref. 913/A/1/3/AD2
Date Feb. 16/2.
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11/2/815

The following disinfection and anti-malaria courses will take place at the English Mil. Centre at BENEVENTO for the officers of "MANTOVA" Combat Groups!

From March 10 to March 17: disinfection and personal hygeine, 2 medical officers and two other subalterns.

From March 17 to March 24: Anti-malaria and field precautionary measures: three selected officers of which one must be the commander of the Anti-Malaria Nucleus of 104 Medical Section.

Please order MANTOVA Groups to select the officers and to send their names to D.M.T.C./O. 567th Area, through the 567th Area S.L.O. and to see to the sending of said officers to the course.

(PJD)

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Personnel selected should, if possible, have a good English language and must be capable of learning medical & Surgical terms. The regulations mentioned in our letters 556/A/13 dated Feb. 6 and 721/A.13 dated Feb. 10, which were not addressed to you must be kept in mind.

(Sgd) A MACE

Adjt.

Cpl. KC.

K-915.A.13/Addl.

26th Feb. 1945

To MMIA
Dir. Gen. Medical.
(Ref. A/1232/2 of 22/2.)

Confirming telegram.

(Sd) G. Lenzi
General.

Subject: Water Sterilisation - Italian Army Units

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Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MIA)
ROME
M/2/805
27 Feb 45

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

1. Reports from various sources state that Italian units are not carrying out water sterilisation.

2. Italian units are not equipped with Harrocks boxes and the alternatives are to have the water tested by a nearby unit or sterilise by the superchlorination method using either water sterilising powder (W.S.P.) or the Italian product 'Steridrolo'.

3. Abundant supplies of Steridrolo are available from all Italian Depots of Medical Stores. Instructions are attached to each box. 100 gallons = 450 litres (approx.) Steridrolo should always be used in preference to W.S.P.

4. Where W.S.P. is used, 4 scoopfuls of W.S.P. per 100 gallons are made into a paste, added to the water tank and thoroughly stirred. After a period of ½-hour add 4 detecting tablets and stir again.

R. C. Heggie

Major,
D.A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MIA)

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Copy to: MLOs 50, 51, 52, 53 and 56
MLO HQ's Tng Centre, Italian Combat Forces

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W. C. Heggie

Major,
D.A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comd. AC.(MMA)

/RMG

Copy to: HLIs 30, 51, 52, 53 and 56
HLB Rfts Trg Centre, Italian Combat Force
HLIs Reinforcement Camps at Orvieto
Treni
Afragola
} for medical officers where applicable

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Subject: LEGNANO Combat Group

SECRET

HQ Nº 1 DISTRICT
Tel: 6243

1D/457/1/M
20 Feb 45

D.A. & Q.M.G.

Copy to: DDS APHQ CMF
DDMS HQ 15 Army Group
'G' 1 District
DADMS Land Forces Sub Commission,
HQ AC MMIA.

M/S/780

Reference this office letter 1D/417/M of today's date.

Herewith report by OC 12 Field Sanitary Section of an inspection of the LEGNANO Combat Group.

H. Lee Ritchie
91 Bde

BRIGADIER,
DDMS

M/2/7431448

COPY

SUBJECT : Hygiene & Sanitation
- Legnano Combat Group.

12 Field Sanitary Section
No. 1 District C.M.F.
Ref. No: 12FSS/202/04

15 Feb 45

TO: 1 District (3).

Copy: AHQ 55 Area.

Further to this office letter Ref. 12FSS/2/C2/3C dated 12 Feb 45, the survey of the above Group has now been completed. The following report incorporates the preliminary information contained in the above letter and additional details obtained.

Sections of each of the following units were visited:

68 Inf. Regt.
"SCITO" Special Inf. Regt.
11th. Regt of Artillery.
51st. Mixed Engr. Btn.
250 Coy. Supply & Tpt.
and also 51st Medical Section.
Hygiene & Anti Malarial Pln.
132 Fd. Hospital.

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1. ACCOMMODATION

The majority of units are billeted in school rooms, large houses, cottages, etc. Some billets are overcrowded and in others, beds are badly spaced.

Most billets visited were in a reasonable state of repair and on the whole, lighting and ventilation was fair.

2. COOKHOUSES

Preparation rooms were generally screened off from some sleeping quarters and often also in use as Ration Stores. Actual cooking is normally carried out in open [illegible]

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Cleanliness was generally fair, but provision of "Trombone" petrol burners, as used by the Friuli Group, would vastly improve cooking arrangements.

Some paving of Cookhouse floors has been carried out, but further work in this direction is recommended. (Sgd) R.E.

Mess Rooms were not usually provided and food was normally being consumed by troops in sleeping quarters, offices etc.

Invariably only one container was provided for the washing of messing utensils and arrangements as laid down in GRO 336/44 were not being carried out.

Some units complained of lack of cooking utensils.

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3. RATIONS AND RATION STORAGE

The Issue Depot was inspected and found to be generally satisfactory.

Dehydrated Cabbage did not appear to be very popular, with a resultant wastage in some units.

Foodsafes, in some instances, were in use.

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4. WATER SUPPLIES

Water was normally being obtained by Water Tank Trucks from fountains etc. in various villages. Storage at units, in some cases, was carried out in wooden barrels or 44-gall. drums.

Sterilisation of water was not being carried out although W.S.P. and Steridrolo are both available. Taste Remover Tablets are not held at the moment. Halazone Tablets are in stock at the Medical Stores.

Personnel of the Hygiene Platoon and those employed on Water Tank Trucks have not been trained in British methods of water sterilisation. It is recommended that the Hygiene Platoon be trained in Water Duties at an early date and afterwards arrange instruction of unit water duty men.

Water Tank Trucks.

It was noted that many trucks were incomplete in stores and equipment and that repairs were required in many instances. It is recommended that an Italian translation of the Working Instructions be pasted over the English version on the inside of the rear doors of all Water Tank Trucks in the Group.

5. ABLUTION AND BATHING

Ablution arrangements in units are not organised. Men wash where they can, obtaining water chiefly from wells, fountains and Water Tank Trucks.

One Italian "Autobagno" is constantly travelling round the Group, taking approximately one month to complete all units.

Two portable Italian Bath Sets are due to arrive and one other is being repaired at Base.

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A.B. 64 is held by most units and appears to be used regularly by the majority of troops.

No Dust Guns are held in the Group.

7. LATRINES AND URINALS

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A few units are using existing accommodation at premises occupied, but many have provided squat type Deep Trench Latrines. It is ~~maximum that~~ obvious that most units have some knowledge of the type of appliances required by the British Authorities, and have attempted to construct them, e.g. in 6S Inf. Regt. arrangements have been made to provide every company with two 4-hole latrine covers of British pattern, the covers being constructed by civilian labour.

Many instances were noted where improvised urinals have been provided.

Cleanliness generally of latrines and urinals was fair.

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8. DISPOSAL OF WASTE WATER AND REFUSE

Many units are utilising land drains for disposal of waste water. Very few Strainer Traps, Grease Traps or Soakage Pits were in evidence, but it was only in a few cases where waste water was being disposed of over the surface of the ground.

Refuse is being dealt with mainly by burying, but this was usually done in a regulated manner and there were few examples of indiscriminate dumping. Burning of refuse was not being practiced: said to be due to lack of fuel.

Bins or wooden tubs, without covers, were often provided. Swill etc. was being disposed of as pig food.

9. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

DADOS 5 BEN intimated that clothing was almost completely to scale. Facilities for boot repairs are available but some units do not appear to be aware of this fact.

No overalls are provided for cookhouse personnel.

Blankets are issued on the scale of 3 per head, but there is not an equal distribution of British and Italian blankets. This is to be advised in view of the inferiority of the Italian ~~blankets~~ issue.

10. ENGINEER SERVICES AND SUPPLY OF MATERIALS

The Group Engineers are not constructing any sanitary appliances at present. The reason was given that supplies of the necessary materials were not available.

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The unit has been in its present locality for a very short period, but has already commenced to function on the lines of a British Field Hygiene Section. Several models have been made and Os.C. and M.Os. units have been given instruction by the O.C. before the Group moved to their present location.

The O.C., Lt. R. Pistru, shows energy and initiative, but is severely handicapped by lack of transport which prevents his regular inspection of units. He has prepared and issued to M.Os. i/c Units instruction on general sanitation methods in use in the British Army.

The sanitation of the unit itself shows a marked improvement on that of other units. The shortage of materials is limiting the construction of models.

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12. GENERAL REMARKS

The standard of hygiene in this Group shows a vast improvement on that found normally in Italian units. It is felt that a much higher standard will be attained when the OC Hygiene Platoon is given the necessary transport to enable him to carry out satisfactorily the inspection of units in the Group. The results of his past efforts can already be seen, but the necessary "follow-up" is urgently required.

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13. GENERAL REMARKS - cont.

The standard of hygiene in the Engineer Battalion and the Supply and Transport Company was considerably lower than that of any other units in the Group. Special attention should be paid by the senior Medical Officer to these units.

It is recommended that all units be made aware that advice by Medical Officers and the Hygiene Officer must be acted upon. Direct support from H.Q., Group is essential for these officers.

'Consolidated monthly health states' for December 44 and Jan 45 are attached.

(Sgd) J Hill, Lt. RAMC
OC 12 Field Sanitary Section.

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OCEANIC GROUP VI OF BASE SECTORS "LIBERIA" ..... (15th

Consolidated Monthly Health Stats

		December 1st - 31st.
Strength	Officers	550
	C.Rs.	9324
Admissions	Officers	7
	C.Rs.	329
Ratio: Admn per 1000	Officers	12.73
	C.Rs.	35.30
Deaths (excl. Battle cas)	Officers	-
	C.Rs.	2
Total admn all causes		336
Diseases of alimentary system		27
Diseases of respiratory system		73
Diseases of skin		2
Psychoneurosis		-
Injuries accidental		27

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[illegible] (UNCLASSIFIED)

[illegible] Weekly Health Study

December 1st - 31st.	January 1st - 31st.
550	533
9321	9403
7	3
329	363
12.73	5.42
35.30	33.61
-	-
2	-
336	366
27	21
73	125
2	3
-	2
27	29

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	DECEMBER 1944	JANUARY 1945
Influenza	22	
Inf. Hepatitis (Catarrhal Jaundice)	8	
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Chancroid		
Parotid		

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

26 1045 A

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, 5 ARMY

REF NO: Q 15

RESTRICTED

VAN KIRK

FOR MMIA 10/(.) REPORT SUGGEST PROGRESS MADE IN FINDING ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION FOR DELEGAZIONE T (.) PRESENT ACCOMMODATION URGENTLY REQUIRED BY ITALIAN MEDICAL AUTHORITIES FOR ORIGINAL USE AS ARMY HYGIENE TRAINING SCHOOL (.) CONVERSATION MAKES - VAN KIRK REVERS

PRECEDENCE

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SUBJECT: Alternative accommodation for Delegation 'T'

MMIA L.O.,
British Increment,
Fifth Army,
CMF.

MMIA HQ

Phone No: Lightning Rear 163

5LO/6/Q

26 Jan 45

Ref your M/2/285 of 24 Jan (copy to me).

If Delegation 'T' receive sufficient notification of an impending transfer, they should have little difficulty in finding alternative accommodation for their HQ, though it may be less palatial than their present HQ.

However, if any difficulty is experienced, they can contact me and I will assist them to the best of my ability.

Capt.,
MMIA L.O.,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

AMN/ET

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

OFFICE OF THE SURGEON

CONFIDENTIAL

Subject:- Training - Italian Reinforcements.

To :- D.A.D.M.S., M.M.I.A.

Reference:- M.1045.

1. Training of Italian (Br-Iti) reinforcements has recently been under discussion at this Headquarters. The following notes state what is understood to be the position and what medical training facilities can be provided from British military sources.

2. Medical Corps other ranks for both combat and service units will be trained in the same way until they are posted to units. Basic non-medical military training will be given at the Base Reinforcements Depot. Individual corps training will be given by attaching the men to Italian military hospitals and to field hospitals employed on the L. of C.

3. Hygiene courses for medical officers could be arranged at the Central Mediterranean Training Centre - a 7 day course for 20 officers once a month. Unless the students are fluent English speakers, two interpreters should be attached to the school during courses (the interpreters, once selected, should not be changed).

Arrangements for these courses should be discussed with the Commandant of the School of Hygiene and should then be submitted through your Headquarters, with a copy to this directorate, to D.M.T., A.F.H.Q.

Courses could also be run, at the School of Hygiene, for Regimental Officers.

These courses could also be used for officers who are already in the Gruppi.

It is understood that the Hygiene Wing of the Italian School of Military Medicine was in Florence and it is suggested that this might provide some facilities for instruction in hygiene and in malaria control.

If desired, attachments of one or two Italian Medical Officers to Malaria Field Laboratories could be arranged through this office, and N.C.O's might be attached to Field Hygiene or Field Sanitary Sections.

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4. Specialist Instruction.

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If desired, arrangements could be made for Specialist English speaking Italian officers to be attached in small numbers to British general hospitals for instruction in special procedures, e.g. use of penicillin, or to 5 Base Transfusion Unit for instruction in blood transfusion methods. (11) (12) ✓

5. Field Training.

If desired, it would probably be possible to arrange attachments of English speaking medical officers and senior N.C.O's from Italian divisional medical units to British Field Ambulances and Casualty Clearing Stations. They would then be able to instruct on return to their own units. It is thought, however, that as far as possible each divisional medical unit should include a nucleus of personnel who have experience of field operations in Italy, or at least in this war. (13) 5 Officers (14) ? What about some other POWs

Allied personnel for training to Corps Medical

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6. Will you please comment on these notes and report what scheme you intend the Italians to operate and indicate what help can be given by this Directorate and British medical establishments. It is thought that personal discussion might be helpful.

F.J. Fowler, Lt.Col., A.D.M.S.(Ops.),
for Major-General,
Surgeon, D.M.S., A.F.H.Q.

7 Jan 45.
FJF/EJF.

Copy to:- G-1 (B).
D.M.T.

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Subject: Inoculation

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (43-1A)
R[illegible]
W/2/778
26 Feb 45

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

1. Please ensure that adequate stocks of T.A.B. vaccine, calf lymph (small pox) and typhus vaccine are available at your main Reinforcement Camps of Cesano, Orvieto, Trani and Afragola.
All personnel will be fully protected before leaving the Reinforcement Camps.

2. Further stocks of typhus vaccine are being requested from Allied sources.

Major,
D. A. D. M. S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (43-1A)

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Subject: Authority to Inspect Italian Military Units

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
ROME
M/2/777
26 Feb 45

C.O.
25 Field Sanitary Section

Copy to: AMMS R.A.A.C.

Herewith as requested a letter from Italian Ministry of War, Medical Directorate authorising a representative of your unit to inspect Italian unit premises within the Rome area.

/RMG

Major,
D.A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA)

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MMIA.

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Translation.

F/ U. War Ministry
To: F.M.I.A.

REF: 204750/11
227.5.46.
DATE: 22FEB.1945.

Subject: Sanitary Inspection.

Reference letter M/2/616 of 15 FEB. 1945.

In respect of that requested by M.M.I.A. in the letter referred to, we authorise the O.C. of the 25th. Field Hygiene Section, English (or one of his representatives) to inspect all the military establishments in the area of Rome Area Command.

Sgd. ISUZARY.

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Subject: Jaundice

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMA)
[illegible]
11/2/42
23 Feb 45

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

Copy to: Public Health Sub Comm. AC.

Please forward to this office any information or statistical data concerning outbreaks or epidemics of jaundice occurring in the Italian Army during the years 1940 - 44, either in Italy or Africa.

Major,
D.A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMA)

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Copy.

Translation.

Ref:- 4/474/15.
Dt:- 19/2/45

From M of W.
To :- M M I A. for information

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M/2/736

Subject :- Spreading of infectious diseases among civilian population.
: Location and movements of units

The persistent spreading of infectious diseases happening among the civilian population of various parts of liberated Italy, renders necessary the intensification to the maximum of the prophylactic hygienic measures already in use to safeguard as much as possible the health of the troops, and also to contribute to the limitation and extinction of the diseases.

The Directive General by continued reports with the Directivate General for Public Health provides that for each new out-break, information should be sent to the dependant Sanitary organisation particularly interested so that the maximum repressive action, and the opportune prophylactic measures taken in the army rear; but it is also necessary that all regional Sanitary Directives receive quick reports with the civil sanitary authorities of the territories of initial jurisdiction, so that the respective military Commands, and also this ministry can be informed of new outbreaks.

This is not only necessary for the carrying out of Hygienic Prophylactic measures among the troops in the area but also to control the movement of troops, be it only of a provisional nature, into places where outbreaks occur.

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It has been recently verified that for about 1 month various units were encamped in an area in which outbreaks of typhoid had occurred, concurrent with the local conditions.

In addition, every time Regional Sanitary Directive 1434 informed of by the respective Territorial Command of impending moves of troops, even of a transitory nature, they must obtain from the proper Hygienic officer accurate investigations, of the presence of disease in the zone about to be occupied, and also the area evacuated, so that the non-existence of disease is assured, and also of the hygienic conditions with particular regard to dwelling houses.

It is necessary that the troops in areas contaminated, and those units ignorant of the hygienic conditions they are living under, must be located and the directive of Sanitary should take the most opportune hygienic prophylactic measures, insuring that the said units observe the regulations scrupulously. Ensure the Director General.

F. D'Ancona C.M.S. complying the Rev orders.

F. CALAROLA

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Subject: Training - Hygiene and Malarial Control

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Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
RCMS
M/2/714
21 Feb 45

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

1. The following vacancies for courses of instruction in hygiene, sanitation and anti-malarial control at the British Military Training Centre, Benevento have been offered and accepted on behalf of Italian officers of the Mantova Combat Group.

(a) 16th to 17th March 45.

Hygiene & Sanitation - 2 Medical officers and
2 junior regimental officers 4

(b) 17th to 24th March 45.

Field Sanitation and Anti-Malarial Control. - 3 officers. 3

2. Please instruct Mantova Group to nominate the officers for these courses and forward their names through 56 B.L.O. direct to D.M.T. c/o 56 Area. Officers selected should, if possible, have some knowledge of English and be capable of instructing other units etc., on their return to the Mantova Group. The officer i/c the anti-malarial control Platoon of 10 Medical Section should be selected for course (b) above.

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Major,
D.A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comd. AC. (MMIS)

/RSG

Copy to: D.M.S. c/o 56 Area
56 B.L.S.

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Translation

From: Min of W
To : MMiA (Ref. letter M/2/285 of Jan. 24, 1945)

Ref No. 204447/11
220-6-9

Date : February 18, 1945

Subject : Re-opening of Medical Training School at Florence.

With reference to the contents of the above letter, this ministry favors the re-opening of the Medical Training School at Florence.

In agreement with your proposals, as soon as the School is re-opened the following courses would be taught mainly for practical demonstration purposes, with priority for officers and soldiers of combat groups :

a) Training course for battalion medical officers

Duration : 8 days. It would cover the following subjects :
- care and evacuation of wounded and sick in forward areas (first aid, blood transfusion technique, etc.)
- practical fundamentals of both individual and groups hygiene and training in the control of malaria.
- fundamentals of the legal aspects of medical aid

b) Training course for non-medical regimental officers

Duration : 8 days. Would train officers in the practical application of the principles of both individual and group hygiene and in the control of malaria.

c) Training course for medical N.C.O's of OR's

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Duration : 5-6 days. Would train said personnel in the practical application of the principles of hygiene

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and in the control of malaria.

These courses, each of which might be attended by 30 to 40 men at a time, would be taught by teams so as to complete the cycle each month.

Before issuing the orders which would put the plan into effect, this Ministry has approached Delegation "T" with a request to look into the possibility of vacating the main buildings of said School, now occupied by [illegible] and needed for the reorganization in question.

Accordingly, we will let you know what can be done in the matter.

(Signature)

Wdly

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MINISTERO DELLA GVERRA

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Prot. N° 204447/II Allegati
220-6-9

Roma, 3800, 18 FEB. 1945

Risposta al f.del ____ Div. ____ Sez. ____ N° ____

OGGETTO: Riapertura della Scuola di Applicazione di Sanità Militare di Firenze .-

Alla LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
(Rif.lettera M/2/285 in data 24 gennaio c.a.)

ROMA

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In relazione a quanto rappresentato con la lettera a riferimento, questo Ministero ritiene opportuno riaprire la Scuola di Applicazione di Sanità di Firenze.

In armonia con le proposte di codesta Missione, non appena avvenuta la riapertura della Scuola, verrebbero svolti i seguenti corsi ad indirizzo eminentemente pratico e dimostrativo, con la precedenza per ufficiali e militari dei Gruppi di Combattimento:

a) - Corso di addestramento per Ufficiali medici di btg.

durata 8 giorni: in esso verrebbe trattato quanto riguarda:

- la cura e lo sgombero dei feriti e degli ammalati in zona avanzata (primo soccorso, tecnica dell'emoclisi ecc.);
- le nozioni fondamentali di igiene pratica, individuale e collettiva e di addestramento alla lotta antimalarica;

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  collettiva e di addestramento alla lotta antimalarica;
- gli elementi medico-legali fondamentali.

b) - Corso per Ufficiali non medici dei reggimenti -

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durata 8 giorni: avrebbe lo scopo di addestrare gli Ufficia=
li sulla applicazione pratica delle norme di igiene individua=
le e collettiva e sui mezzi di lotta antimalarica.

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c) - <u>Corso per Sottufficiali e militari di Sanità</u> -

durata 5-6 giorni: avrebbe lo scopo di addestrare detti militari sulla attuazione pratica delle norme di igiene e sui mezzi di lotta antimalarica.

Detti corsi, a ciascuno dei quali potrebbero partecipare da 30 a 40 militari alla volta, verrebbero svolti a turno in modo da completare il ciclo ogni mese.

Prima di impartire le conseguenti disposizioni esecutive, questo Ministero ha interessato la Delegazione "T" perchè esamini la possibilità di rendere liberi i locali della Sede Centrale della Scuola da essa attualmente occupati, necessari alla riorganizzazione in questione.

Pertanto si fa riserva di comunicare quanto potrà essere realizzato al riguardo.

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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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f.e.

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale di Sanità Militare
Divisione II - Sezione I

Med 19/2

Nº 4/431/I.S. di prot. Roma, 14 febbraio 1945

OGGETTO: - Pomata al benzoato di benzile per la cura della scabbia.

Benzoate of benzyl for Scabies

ALLE DIREZIONI DI SANITA' DEI COMANDI MILITARI TERRITORIALI - - -

Alcool denaturato - } Equal parts.
a parti uguali
Sapone molle - }

La tecnica per l'impiego (metodo danese) deve essere la seguente: method of use.

1°) - bagno caldo di pulizia; Hot cleansing bath

2°) - applicare la pomata con un pennello e lasciarla essiccare; Brush + let it dry.

3°) - applicare con un pennello un secondo strato di pomata e lasciarla essiccare; Second coat + let it dry.

4°) - fare indossare gli stessi abiti (senza lavare). Put on the same clothes again without washing.

Il giorno seguente bagno caldo e biancheria pulita. The following day have a hot bath and clean clothes.

Le Direzioni di Sanità dei Comandi Territoriali e gli Uffici di Sanità delle Divisioni e dei Gruppi di Combattimento dovranno curare la massima diffusione della conoscenza di tale metodo presso tutti gli ospedali, unità sanitarie ed infermerie dipendenti. Med. Directorates of Zone-HQ and Medical Officers of Divisions and Combat Groups must ensure the maximum distribution of this method is made to all Hosps. Med. Units + dependent infirmes.

Si trasmettono, allegate, n°trenta copie del metodo per il trattamento sopradetto, per la diramazione ai reparti dipendenti. We send herewith 30 copies of method of treatment mentioned above, for the guidance of dependent units.

Pregasi dare assicurazione. Please acknowledge.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
F. Caldarola

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Treatment of Scabies

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Subject: Hygiene Inspections

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Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
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15 Feb 45

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di San. Mil.

Reference your 4/367/I.S. dated 8 Feb 45.

Probably due to an error of translation the authority for C.C. 25 Field Sanitary Section was for medical installations only.

Please forward a new authorisation to cover all military installations.

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Major,
D. A. D. M. S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA)

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Translation

Ref. 4/337/1.5

Date Feb. 9, 1945

Minn Min. of War

To Medical Directorate of

ROME Terr. Hq.

Subject Check of the weight of mil.

at Reinforcement Camp at CESANO

Ref. M/2/494 dated Feb. 6, 1945 14

It is the intention of the Medical office to collect a series of statistical data on military staying at the CESANO Reinforcement Camp, comparing their weight on the date of arrival with their weight at the time of departure.

Therefore, you are requested to order the immediate start of the weighing procedure requested. The weighing will be taken care of and under the control of the Director of the Med. Services at the CESANO Camps.

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The weighing of the men must be done during the morning hours and before the meal is distributed.

At the infirmary of the camps a suitable register must be placed containing the following:

- name, surname and Christian name of the soldier.
- date of arrival at the camp.
- weight on arrival at camp.
- general summary of physical condition at the time of arrival:
- date of departure from camp.
- weight at time of departure
- general summary of physical condition at time of departure.

The register must be particularly accurate and constantly kept up to date in such a way as to be able to furnish the Allies, at any time, an extract of the existing data.

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We beg you to order your hygiene officer to check periodically the collection of the data and the relative registration.

Please confirm compliance with these orders.

(Sgd) MAUGERI

Cpl. 30

URGENTE

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE DI SANITÀ MILITARE

N. di prot. 4/33/I.S.
Div. 2ª Sez. 1ª All.
Risposta al N. del

P. M. 3800, li 9 febbraio 1945

OGGETTO: controllo peso dei militari del Campo Complementi di Cesano.-
Weight Control Check of Soldiers of Cesano Repls Camp

ALLA DIREZIONE DI SANITA' DEL COMANDO TERRITORIALE DI = R O M A =
e,per conoscenza:
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.E.UFF.SERV.SEZIONE SANITA' = S E D E =
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AL COMANDO DEL CAMPO COMPLEMENTI DI = CESANO =
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(rif.f.nº M/2/499 del 6 febbraio 1945)

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Pertanto, codesta Direzione é pregata di disporre perché siano subito iniziate, a cura e sotto il controllo del Dirigente il Servizio Sanitario del Campo di Cesano, le misurazioni richieste.

La determinazione del peso dovrà essere fatta nelle ore antimeridiane e prima della distribuzione del rancio.

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- data di arrivo al Campo;

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- data di arrivo al Campo;
- peso all'arrivo;
- sintetico giudizio sulle condizioni fisiche generali al momento dell'arrivo;
- data di partenza dal Campo;
- peso al momento della partenza;
- giudizio sintetico sulle condizioni fisiche generali al momento della partenza.

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La compilazione del registro dovrà essere particolarmente accurata e tenuta in costante aggiornamento, in modo da poter fornire alle Autorità Alleate, in qualsiasi momento, uno stralcio dei dati esistenti.

Si prega pure di disporre perché l'Ufficiale Igienista di Codesta Direzione controlli periodicamente la raccolta dei dati in oggetto e la relativa registrazione.

Pregasi dare assicurazione per l'ottemperanza.=

p.IL DIRETTORE GENERALE s.p.e.
IL COLONNELLO MEDICO
(N.Maugeri)

Inviata all'Ufficio

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Subject: Hygiene - Italian Tps.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
AQ/7

12 Feb 1945

To: A.F.H.Q.

Reference CR/354/1/G-1 (Br) of 28 Jan 45.

1. The urgent necessity of improving the hygiene discipline is continually impressed on the Italian Ministry of War by MMIA and on Italian Units and Formations by the Allied Comds under whom the Italian Units operate.

2. In order that concrete cases can be put before the Minister and thus add more weight to the campaign, it is requested that such reports as you mention may be forwarded to MMIA for definite and concrete action.

3. Improvement will only be made through disciplinary action against the Comd Officers concerned either by the Allied Comd direct with the Italian Div Comd or if necessary by MMIA with the Minister.

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F. J. NOAKES, Col.,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to:
Medical, MMIA

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Subject: Hygiene

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
ROME
M/2/516
8 Feb 45

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di San. Mil.

Please authorise Officer Commanding 25 (Br) Field Sanitary Section (or his representative) to visit all military installations in Rome Area Allied Command.

/RBG

Major,
M.A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA)

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Translation

Reg. 1/ /San.

From:- M of N.
To:- MMIB for information.

Date - Jan 45

Subject - Re-opening of the Scuola di Applicazione di Sanità Militare.

With reference to the request made by MMIB in letter M/2/285 dated 24th inst dealing with the possible reopening of the Scuola di Applicazione di Sanità Militare, Florence, in the near future, this office proposes the following -

1/ That Buildings of the main Branch of the School (Via Venezia and Via Cavour) actually occupied by Delg. 'T' and HQ 525 Bn/ Regt. be vacated as soon as possible in order to proceed with the reorganization of the scientific laboratories and the re-examination of equipment used for teaching.

2/ In agreement with MMIB's proposals, the following courses will be carried out as soon as the school is re-opened and priority will be given to officers and men of the Combat Groups:

a) Training course for Bn. M. Os.

Will should last 8 days and should be carried out as under -

- First aid and evacuation of wounded men and sick men from advanced areas (First aid, Tecnica delle emoclisi etc).
- Main rules for individual and collective practical hygiene and training for anti malaria campaign.
- Main rules of journey

b) Training course for officers of Regts (non medical).

should also last 8 days and should aim to train officers in the application of individual and collective practical hygiene rules and in anti malaria campaign.

c) Training course for NCOs and men of the Med. Coys.

should last from 5 to 6 days aiming to train these men in carrying out practical hygiene and anti malaria campaign.

For obvious teaching reasons and in order to use most efficiently the equipment of the school, it would be necessary to carry out these courses in turn so as to complete these in the period of each month.

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Example:-
From 1st to 8th inst:- Training course for Bn. M.Os
" 12th " 19th " :- " " Officers of Regts (Non. medical)
" 25th " 27th " :- " " NCOs & Men (Med. Corps).

30 to 40 men could attend such courses each time.

Authority should be given to requisition rooms in hotels or pensions in order to accommodate officers attending the courses. Arrangements could be made to accommodate NCOs and men attending the courses in attaching them to local units.

Officers could have their mess in the main branch of the school providing for same any equipment which might be deficient.

The staff of the school could be formed as follows:-

a) Management

1 Senior M.O. — Director.
1 M.O. — Adjutant and i/c Library
1 Record clerk.
1 Typist.
1 Clerk.

b) Admin. Office

1 Admin Officer — i/c. accounts
1 " subaltern — Paying officer.
1 Typist
1 Clerk

c) ~~Mess~~. Depot

1 Officer i/c.
1 Record clerk
1 Typist

d) Various duties personnel

for duties at the gate, postal service, rations, orderlies in the house and depot, etc.

2 N.C.Os.
3 Cpls or L/Cpls
5 Men.

for cleaning purposes and duties in the Laboratories!!
Civilian personnel could be employed as considered necessary

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civilian personnel to be employed.

e/ Teaching officers

M.C. Hygiene :- Teacher - 1 Senior M.O.
Assist. Teacher - 1 Junior M.O.
1 Technician (civilian).

War Traumatology ~~di Guerra~~ :-
Teacher :- 1 Senior M.O.
Assistant Teacher :- 1 Junior M.O.
2 Technicians (civilians).

Forensic and Med. Service
Teacher :- 1 Senior M.O.

(Sgd) F. CALDAROLA

Lt FABRE

Subject: Italian - Italian Army

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Land Forces Sub Comd.
A.G. (MGIA)
MLMS
M/2/513
7 Feb 45

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

1. Enclosed for perusal is a booklet procured at the request of MMS M; 1 District. It has been translated into Italian and issued to the Friuli and Legnano Combat Groups.

2. It is requested that these notes and diagrams (with any suitable additions or modifications considered necessary) be printed in Italian and issued in booklet form to all Italian field formations on the following scale,

(a) all medical units - one copy per officer and man
(b) all other units - one copy per officer and 10 copies per 100 men.

Major,
D.A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comd. AG. (MGIA)

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Major,
D.A.D.M.S.
Lead Forces Sub Comm. MC. (MMIA)

Copy to: HQ 1 District } HQ 1 District letter 19/457/M
of 3 Feb 45 refers.

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Subject: Hygiene training - Italian Combat Groups.

HQ N° 1 DISTRICT
Tel: 6243

1D/457/M
3 Feb 45

DADMS Land Forces Sub Commission,
AC (MMIA) ROME.

Copy to: DMS AFHQ with copy of pamphlet referred to.

I attach for your perusal copy of instructional pamphlet prepared by OC 12 Field Sanitary Section for the FRIULI combat group during its training in this District.

It has been translated into Italian for the benefit of this Group but has not yet been printed.

I have given a copy to the M.O. attached 52 BLU with the LEGNANO combat group which has now arrived in this District.

I suggest that this be printed in Italian and copies issued to all the Combat Groups and other Divisional units.

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J. le M. Phillips. 1417

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DDMS

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