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SUBJECT: 12 REGIONS DISINTEGRATION

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.D.)
File No. 3/2/29/7
5 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. No. 12 REGIONS DISINTEGRATION will be disbanded. Personnel will be utilized to form the hygiene platoon of No's 51 and 184 Medical Sections.

Surplus personnel will be posted to the Reinforcement Depot.

2. Materials of this unit will be used to make good as far as possible deficiencies in Medical Units and the surplus sent to Medical Depot Stores, KINGSVALE Hospital, NAPIER.

W.P. Doherty
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMMISSION
MALARIA CONTROL BRANCH.
APO 394.

ACC/3005/1/PH

12 September 1944.

SUBJECT: - Italian Malariologist for 8th Army.

TO : - Director, Army Sub-Commission, ACC.

1. The Malaria Consultant, AFHQ (Brigadier G. MacDonald) has requested that the services of the Italian Malariologist, named in para 2 below, be made immediately available to the 8th Army because of his previous experience in controlling malaria in the Po valley. The DDMS 8th Army has concurred via the Surgeon RAAC who has requested help from ACC in obtaining this man.

2. The man requested is:-

Doctor ^aServio Bettini, now a Medical Officer, Lieutenant, in the Italian Army, stationed in Sardinia at the 12-bis Sezione di Disinfezione Territoriale at Pozzomaggiore, Sassari.

3. High priority is requested as his services will be most valuable in the immediate future.

4. It is requested that orders be arranged for this officer (para 2) attaching him to the DDMS HQ Rear 8th Army. High priority air travel is requested.

For Colonel M.E. Griffin, Acting Director,

PRR

PAUL F. RUSSELL, Colonel M.C.,
Chief, Malaria Control Branch.

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FOR SIMMONS (.) PAREN ROME AREA _____ PAREN
LIEUT SERGIO BETTINI MEDICAL OFFICER NOW AT 12 BIS
SEZIONE DISINFESTAZIONE POZZOMAGGIORE SASSARI URGENTLY
REQUIRED BY REAR 8TH ARMY AS MALARIOLOGIST TO ITALIAN
TROOPS (.) ARRANGE FASTEST TRAVEL (.) BETTINI TO REPORT
SURGEON REAR 8TH ARMY SOONEST (.) MINISTRY OF WAR AUTHORITY
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P. T. M. and J. D.

Subject: Medical Transport - Italian Armed Forces

Army Sub Commission, MIA
H.Q., A.C.C.
ROME
10/7

30 August 44

HQ AMI

1. Due to lack of a sufficient number of ambulance cars and loss of their hospital trains the Italian Army Medical Services are finding increasing difficulty in the transport of casualties. This has recently been accentuated by:-

- (a) Repatriated sick P.O.W. arriving from England and Africa,
 - (b) increased line of evacuation lessens the total carrying capacity of ambulance cars,
 - (c) transfer of Italian troops from Sardinia, Sicily and Calabria to the congested hospital areas of Campania, Apulia and Central Italy,
 - (d) inevitable occupation by the Allies of many of the larger Italian military hospitals in Central Italy.
2. Hospital trains and ambulance cars have frequently been loaned to assist the transfer of patients to less congested areas. There is at present operating with the Allies the only hospital train which was not removed by the Germans. It was previously the property of the Italian Red Cross.

3. It is suggested that this hospital train be handed over to the Italian Army Medical Services. Alternatively, the Italian hospital train at present in Sardinia be brought to the mainland. If the train were returned to the Italians its movement 2353 naturally be subject to approval by Allied Movements Control.

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Pattern telephoned to say preferable to removal train be brought
(DADMS Ops HQ)

from Sardinia, responsible at the I-F Noval

/RBG

movement to release completely for Major General,
Army Sub Commission, AGC.

Copy to: 'H'

mainland.

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subject: s/ten PELINZEO Luigi

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MHA)
ROME
M/3/1439
24 July 44

Ministero della Guerra,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

Reference attached copy of letter received
from MHA HQ with 60 Sub Area concerning s/ten PELINZEO
Luigi attached to 80 British General Hospital at Chieti.

This officer is unsatisfactory.

Please investigate complaint and if justified
arrange for another officer to be posted to this duty.

M. B. Heggie

Major,
D.A.D.M.S.

Army Sub Commission, ACC.

/RBC

Copy to: MHA L.Q. c/o 60 Sub Area.

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To Delegation 'A'
Copies DADMS. NMIA. ✓
50 Gen Hospital

NMIA. LO.
o/o 60 Sub Area
19.7.44.

Subject :- Italian Wing of 50 Gen Hospital.

1. I am informed that while the general arrangements with the Italian Wing are functioning fairly satisfactorily, there are several points for criticism and change.
2. It is desirable that a doctor of good professional ability who is also a conscientious worker be appointed in the place of the present doctor s/ten PELLUZZO Luigi.
3. His control over the orderlies and general handling of discipline is poor. On several occasions, it has been found necessary on the part of the British Medical Authorities to intervene because they were satisfied that an Italian patient was not receiving adequate or satisfactory treatment.
4. Will you give this matter your immediate attention.

JH Bone
Capt.

23/7/44

W.H. - Show to Vanzetti.

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Subject: Medical Personnel

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (M;M.I.A.)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/12

24 May 44

Stato Maggiore R. Esercito

1. 100 other ranks (medical) are required by Eighth Army. They will be attached to 93 Sezione Sanita for administration. They will be ready to move on 31 May 44. Serial 1054 C has been allotted to this platoon (this office signal M925 of 16 refers).

2. 50 other ranks (medical) are required for stretcher bearer duties with Fifth Army at Anzio. They will be ready to move by 31 May 44. A Serial number will be allocated at a later date.

3. As both above Serials are urgently required please ensure that they are made ready at once and concentrated at Bari pending movement orders. Personal kit and bivouacs only are required.

Haft L. G.
Major-General,
Army Sub Commission, ACC.

/REG

Copy to: Ministero della Guerra, Direzione Sanita
Army Sub Commission L.O. 2 District

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Subject: Medical Units - C.I.L.

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (M.H.I.A.)
INQUILIA (ITCCS)
M/3/811
162 May 44

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HQ AAI

Copy to: DMS EIGHTH ARMY
" "

Reference your signal M/457 of 13 May 44.

1. Italian combat troops in 8th Army area are now known as the "Corpo Italiano di Liberazione" (C.I.L.). It consists of the original combat brigade group plus three independent battalions. Its present strength is 11,300. Rembo Division, strength 8,700 now in transit from Sardinia will probably join C.I.L. at a later date.

Further details are given in Army Sub Commission Order of Battle - Italian Army No 8 issued on 7.5.44, copies of which have been sent to AAI.

2. MEDICAL UNITS ON ORDER OF BATTLE C.I.L.

Unit	Offrs	O.Ns.	Remarks
51 Medical Section	9	203	Equal to SIX A.D.Ss.
244 Field Hospital	7	59	
470 " "	7	60	Equal to THREE M.D.Ss.
886 " "	7	58	
84 Nucleo Chirurgico	4	16	" " Field Surg Unit
29 " Radiologica	1	5	
61 Motor Ambulance Sect.	1	31	21 Ambulance Cars

3. MEDICAL UNITS ON ORDER OF BATTLE OF REMBO DIV.

104 Medical Section (still in Sardinia)
516 Field Hospital (arrived in Mainland)

have been sent to AMI.

2. MEDICAL UNITS ON ORDER OF BATTAL C.I.L.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Oftrs</u>	<u>O.Hs.</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
51 Medical Section	9	236	Equal to SIX A.D.Ss.
244 Field Hospital	7	59	
470 " "	7	60	Equal to THREE A.D.Ss.
865 " "	7	58	
34 Nucleo Chirurgico	4	16	" " Field Surg Unit
29 " Radiologica	1	5	
61 Motor Ambulance Sect.	1	31	21 Ambulance Cars

3. MEDICAL UNITS ON ORDER OF BATTAL OF NEMBO DIV.

194 Medical Section	(still in Sardinia)	
516 Field Hospital	(arrived in Mainland)	
517 Field Hospital	" "	
131 Nucleo Chirurgico	" "	

Approx 234 unit strength as above

Nos 516 and 517 Field Hospitals arrived unexpectedly with NEMBO Division as, shortly speaking, they are Corps units. (Thus leaving Nos 486 and 382 Field Hospitals surplus).

4. In agreement with Italian GHQ it is recommended that:
- (a) No 392 Field Hospital be allocated to C.I.L. and No 486 Field Hospital remain in reserve in Campania under command Italian GHQ.
- (b) Platoon of 12 Field Hygiene Section (released to Italian GHQ command under AMI signal SN 1855 of 14 May) be sent to C.I.L.

W.H.

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/RBG

Major, R.A.M.C.
D.A.D.U.S.
Army Sub Commission, ACC.

C O P Y

REPORT ON RELEASE OF AMBULANCE CARS TO ITALIAN ARMY

1. The release of 20 ambulance cars was made on AAI release Serial 1308 of 7th February 1944.

The classes of ambulance cars released were as follows:-

Class 4	No. 8
Class 5	" 1
Unclassified	" 11
	— 20
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2. I interviewed Majors WEBSTER and BALLAM of Q(AE) AAI (Adm Ech) and pointed out that if ambulance cars were to be issued to the Italian Army, it was essential that nothing less than Class 2 be issued for the following reasons:-

- a) The Italian Army is only responsible for 1st and 2nd Line repairs.
- b) It has also been laid down that RME were to do all repairs, beyond 2nd line, of British vehicles used by the Italians.
- c) The ambulance cars were in RVS for RME repair and those were being issued to the Italians, thus short-circuiting RME i.e. these vehicles had been B.L.R. to RVS.

3. Major WEBSTER then issued me with release for 8 ambulance cars ex RVS on 24 Mar 44, not stating any special Class, but still ex RVS.

4. Through J District it was arranged that 45 MAC should draw the ambulance cars and take them on their charge.

On an inspection of the ambulance cars in the RVS, 45 MAC drew 3 only and these they repaired after two weeks work in their workshop. Despite their goodwill and willingness to assist they could not put any more of the ambulance cars on the road as they were beyond their workshop repair facilities, i.e. they were a RME responsibility.

5. I again, with Major HEGGIE, RMC, interviewed Major WEBSTER of Q(AE) who insisted that the Italians should draw the broken-down ambulance cars or do without, despite 45 MAC workshop Officer's report that all the ambulance cars were beyond 2nd Line repair.

It was suggested that as 45 MAC had some old ambulances with over 25,000 miles, the MAC should be issued with new vehicles and an equivalent number of the oldest vehicles of the MAC be handed over to the Italians.

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The MAI programme for the Italian Army includes the formation of an Independent MAC Platoon Serial 1070 on a British W.E.

I informed Major WHEMER of this policy and pointed out that the ambulances I was interested in now, would count against those to be issued for the equipping of Serial 1070 and pleaded for Class 2 vehicles or above - without success.

signed

10 Apr 44

Joe Lentner Maj

Army Sub Commission AGO

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
(Salerno Detachment)

Public Health Sub-Commission.

ACC/3073/PH

9th February 1944.

SUBJECT: Medical Units - Italian Army.

TO : AMB 5th Army - (Attention Lt.Col. Farr).

1. Since HQ ACC has taken over the responsibilities of AMG 15 Army Group as far as the administration of 5th and 8th Army AMG matters is concerned this Sub-Commission will deal with the medical problems of AMG 5th and 8th Armies.

2. An Italian Camp Hospital has been sent to the 5th Army Area. This hospital comprises 2 officers, 20 OR and 10 tons of stores.

3. Should you consider that a similar unit is required in 5 Army Area, please contact the Surgeon, 5 Army and discuss the matter with him. If he concurs he will ask 'G' branch 5th Army to forward the request to HQ. ACMT who will pass it to the M.A.I.A.

4. ACC/AMB will be responsible for the supply of medical stores to Italian Medical units caring for civilians.

(Signed) G.S. PARKINSON, Brigadier,
Director, Public Health Sub-Commission.

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Copies to:- Surgeon 5th Army.
AMB 5 Army (Attention Lt.Col. Farrinacci).

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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ACC/3073/PH

9th February 1944.

SUBJECT:- Medical Units - Italian Army.

TO :- Military Mission to Italian Army ✓

1. Ref your M/4/302 dated 1 Feb 44 as ACC has taken over the responsibilities of AMG 15 Army Group as far as the administration of AMG 5th and 8th Armies is concerned, this Sub-Commission will now deal with the AMG Medical representatives of 5th and 8th Armies.

2. It is noted that an Italian Camp Hospital moved to 8th Army Area on 3rd February 1944. This hospital comprises 2 officers, 20 OR and 10 tons of stores.

3. In accordance with para 2 of your letter the AMG Medical representative 5th Army is being asked to contact the Surgeon 5th Army, discuss with him the desirability of an Italian Camp Hospital in that area and if considered necessary, to initiate the proper procedure through correct channels.

4. Replenishments of Medical Supplies to Italian Units while employed in caring for civilians will be an ACC/AMG responsibility. //

G.S. Parkinson
Brigadier

G.S. PARKINSON,
Brigadier,
Director of Public Health.

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Copies to :- DDMS, AFHQ, Adv. Admin. Echelon.
Surgeon 5 Army.
DDMS 8 Army.
Col. Martin E. Griffin, Medical Supplies Sub-Section.

Reply to MMIA letter in response to
Col. Lawrence's letter of 5th Dec. 2346

Inform S.M.R.E (92 + 82)
Medical Supplies

(c) an increased strain on existing ambulances may be imposed by transfers between hospitals for reasons of negotiation and specialized treatment and resuscitated by Allied occupation of Italian hospitals.

(d) The addition of G. in CALABRIA is being maintained by the Italians. This L. of G. is likely to be busy for some time.

5. It is considered that the Italian request for 20 ambulances may be reasonable and if available some form of assistance should be given. British ambulance cars have been used at the ports for emergency requirements, but are not always available for actual "day to day" requirements.

6. If agreed, the following alternatives are suggested:-

- (a) Transfer 20 Italian ambulance cars from Italian shores ^{there} 2345 in existing order. Reasons of SHIELD are not known.
- (b) Attachment of Allied ambulance cars to Italian hospitals in the areas of Bari and Brindisi, that allowing the Italian vehicles to be sent to the more isolated, purely Italian areas.
- (c) There is at present under discussion a suggestion to send Italian G.I. Company's with British Drivers in charges. It suggested, would this principle be feasible for a platoon of M.I.G. (20 ambulances each).

W.H.P.

Major, R.A.M.C.,
for Brig.
Genl.

1/17/44

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA.

DIREZIONE GENERALE SANITA' MILITARE.

No. 466/San/Ord.

28th December, 1943.

To:- D.A.D.M.S.
M.M.I.A.

Reference ambulance situation and letter sent on 24 Nov. 43.

Many of the ambulances are not in working order and the present number is insufficient to cover our needs even in base areas.

In the area controlled by the 9th Italian Army Corps (i.e. Area of Apulia and Lucania) there are 23 military hospitals and only 15 ambulance cars capable of service. These ambulances must meet the request of both the hospitals and the troops.

In Campagna (Naples and surroundings) only 2 ambulances are actually available.

As the Military Medical Corps is often called to meet the requirements of the assistance to civilians, especially in case of air-raids and in the liberated area, and in order to prevent the eventual spreading of epidemical diseases, it appears important to increase the number of available ambulances. In order to meet the most urgent needs, it is suggested that two groups of 10 ambulances each be assigned to the 9th Army Corps (Bari) and of the Army Corps at Naples.

(Col. Vincenzo Polosa.

(sgd). Polosa.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA.
DIREZIONE GENERALE DI SANITA' MILITARE.

No. 74 di prot/San.

P.M. 407 15 January. 1944.

To:- M.M.I.A.

Reference your M/3/183 of 10 Jan. 44.

1. We have today in hand complete data showing particulars of Ambulance Cars.
2. We have on the mainland 58 ambulance cars (this figure includes ambulances out of order).
3. 47 are in working order, - 9 can be repaired and 2 to be written off. Those which can be repaired need an overhauling of the engine, change of spare parts, repairs of brakes, and coach work. The heavy proportion of ambulance cars out of order is due to the excessive work.
4. State of Ambulance Cars out of order which can be repaired has been sent today to our Transport Branch but the position will not be improved as the total number of cars is too small to meet the requirements.
5. Ambulance Cars in working order are sub-divided as follows:-
 - 19 with 9 Army Corps.
 - 15 with 54 Army Corps.
 - 7 with 34 Army Corps.
 - 6 with FF.AA. Compagnia.
6. We hope that this question will be urgently settled by the transfer from the Allied Authorities of the quantities of Ambulance cars necessary to cover the requirements of the Services, the Units and the Military Hospitals.

D'ordine.
IL COLONNELLO MEDICO.
(Sgt) V. Polosa.

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SUBJECT:- Medical - Italian Army.

Military Mission to
ITALIAN ARMY.

M/3/229.

21 Jan. 44.

To:- Headquarters Allied Control Commission. A.F.O. 394.

1. Reference your memorandum REF/ma of 18 Jan. 44, the Medical Representative of M.M.I.A. visited Eighth Army and discussed the move of this Italian Camp Hospital with the Medical Branch. It was agreed that this hospital was necessary and will be called forward by Eighth Army as soon as a suitable site is selected.
2. The Italian Medical Services are already very short of Ambulance cars and are not in a position to supply civilian needs. Only 47 Ambulance cars are available on the Mainland for the whole of the Italian Army. This matter has already been referred to D.D.M.S. A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Ech, a copy of this letter is attached for your information.

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M/3/206

W. C. H.

for ~~Brig.~~
Comd.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

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18 January 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Military Mission to the Italian Army.

1. The Allied Control Commission has been advised by Italian Government that a field hospital is now at Ceglie Massanico, available for use by AFI in the care of civilian casualties and is presently awaiting orders to proceed to the front. The Commission understands that this hospital is urgently needed.

2. The Commission has taken up with Italian authorities the need of supplying Italian ambulances for use in the care of civilian casualties in the combat areas. The Italian reply is that the only available ambulances are at present not serviceable and parts not available to put them into operation.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

Norman E. Fiske

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Acting Vice President
Military Section

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