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M4 Medical Supplies General

NOV. 1943 - Dec. 1944

Subject: Medical Supplies to Italian Armed Forces

Lead "Process Sub Comm."
A.C. (MIA)
RONE

11/14/2592

20 Dec 44.

DES AMR (2)

Copy to: DES 15 Army Group

1. Penicillin and blood plasma are not at present available to the Italian Army Medical Services. It is for consideration whether or not certain quantities of these two important items can be made available to the Combat Groups.

2. Penicillin.

As the issue of penicillin is probably dependent on availability, your decision on this item is requested.

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A. G. Pegge

Major,
D. A. D. H. S.,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (MIL)

/203

Subject: Medical Supplies to Italian Armed Forces

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

ROME

W/L 2530

14 Dec 44

CC.

7 Indian Depot of Medical Stores,
Cnr.

Reference your 11/2/44 of 8 Dec 44.

1. AFHQ Circular 13 of 1 May 44 stated:-

"Italian Material. All Italian material belonging to all arms and services of the Italian Ground Forces and in the possession of the Italians at the time of the Armistice is considered as Italian material and, except as otherwise directed by this Headquarters, is reserved for the use of the Italian Army under the direction of the Army Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission".

2. DMS AFHQ letter M.4527 of 25/3/44 and DMS AAI letter 4011 M. of 31/3/44 clearly stated that all captured Italian equipment and medical supplies held in British Depots would be returned to the Italian Army Medical Services. This policy was adopted to minimise Italian demands on British medical supplies.

3. Therefore all stocks of medical equipment or supplies captured in Italian military hospitals should be returned to the Italian Army Medical Services. Italian medical supplies are only chargeable to the Italian Army if captured before 6th Sept. 43.

4. In view of above your AF. I 1209 is returned for such action as is necessary. Any further holdings of captured Italian equipment should be handed over to the nearest Italian medical depot or hospital and a copy of the amounts returned sent to this H.Q.

5. If the stores were in fact captured prior to the Armistice, AF. I 1209 should be submitted to this office and should bear the signature of the Italian officer receiving the supplies. Pricing of captured stocks is under AFHQ 3830

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/RBC


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

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Subject :- Issues to Italian Armed Forces.

No. 11 / 2 / 198
7 Ind Depot Medical Stores.
OMF., dated 8 Dec. 44

H.Q., M.M.I.A., OMF.

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13/12

Under instruction of Liaison Officer, Military Mission Italian Army, C/O H.Q., No. 1 District, No. LO/QS dated 30 Oct. 44 some Italian captured medicines were issued to O.C., 209 Division I.P.L. (Italian Army).

My issue voucher No. 470 current is forwarded herewith for necessary action.

This has been complied in accordance to M.M.I.A. Administrative Instruction No. 12.

It is regretted that complete valuation of the Medicines could not be made as these are captured medicines and their pricings are not available in British Prices List of Medical Equipment.

Signature of the consignee (O.C. 209 Division) has been taken in our receipt book.

[Signature]

Captain I.A.M.C.
(L. Narain)

Commanding 7 Ind Depot Med Stores

Mazumdar.

M/46/25262629

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Subject: Supply of Sheaths Protective

Land Forces Sub Comm.

A.C. (MIA)

RSC

M/1/2269

14 Nov 44

MIA 10

M/ Sicily Region

Copy to: Ministry of War, Dir. Sanita Mil.

Reference your 976 dated 8 Nov. 44.

Allied Force Headquarters have given the ruling that sheaths, protective are not available to the Italian Armed Forces at present.

Should they become available, you will be notified immediately.

/RSC

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

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Military H.Q. of Sicily
Welfare Office.

Ref. No 2457/Ass.

P.M. 126, 6 November, 1944.

Subject: Sanitary Prophylaxis for Military.
To : L.O., M.M.I.A., Palermo.

Because of the absolute impossibility of finding "condoms" on the local and Mainland markets for the indispensable Sanitary Prophylaxis of our Military, we apply to you to kindly arrange to have 20,000 of the said "condoms" allotted to this H.Q., which would then be distributed to our units by the Welfare Office, free of charge, and exclusively for the use of the Military in their Sexual intercourses.

This would prevent possible diseases from being contacted, and the Sanitary Prophylaxis, which is being particularly looked after by this H.Q., would in this manner be easy to be kept in hand.

We are grateful to you for your kind and appreciated collaboration in such an important Social Field of Action, and thank you for the above mentioned concession.

by order,

med.

Sgd R. Griglio, Col, Chief of Staff.

14 11

No 976

1st Ind.

LIAISON OFFICE LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION AC (M.M.I.A.) % AC SICILY REGION HQ
APO 394 8 NOVEMBER 1944

TO: G.O.C. Land Forces Sub-Commission AC (M.M.I.A.) Rome.
Attention: Medical Branch

1. Request information as to the source of supply of "Rubbers" mentioned in basic communication and recommend approval if available.

2. The C/S Military Hq Sicily advise that they had closed a number of brothels and are endeavoring to keep some in check and properly supervised but "V.D." has increased in the command.

Lester R. Albert

LESTER R ALBERT
Lt Col Inf
L O Sicily

2627
M/H/126

CONFIDENTIAL

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON

Ref : M. 4527

SUBJECT :- Medical Supplies to the Italian Army

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

1. The scale of provision of medical stores for use of the Italian Army has been approved by Combined Chiefs of Staff at 40 tons a month for every 100,000 strength.
2. Approval has been obtained for the following assessment of requirements : each monthly indent should demand, of each commodity, the amount required to bring the sum of stocks in hand and amounts on indent to six times one average month's issues, except for the limitation specified in para 4.
3. This system will allow for an interval of 5 months between writing indents and receipt of stores and for the maintenance of a 30 day working margin.
4. So that the demands on U.K. will not fluctuate unduly, whatever the stocks plus expectations of any commodity, the demand made in any one month will not exceed $1\frac{1}{2}$ times an average month's issues.
5. You will be responsible that issues from the central Italian depot do not exceed the amounts necessary to maintain a continuous supply.
6. Indents for supply from U.K. will be adjusted according to availability of captured stocks and of Italian produced stores.

H. Fowler

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F.J. Fowler, Lt. Col., A.D.M.S. (Ops),
for Major General,
Surgeon, D.M.S., A.F.H.Q.

9 Nov 44
FJF/NT

Wait → Lt. Col.

12/11

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11/4/22419

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

FROM: AREA

111550A

TO: MINISTRY OF WAR SANITARY

REF: 111550A

M 22.3

URGENT

SEND IMMEDIATELY TO SAN GABRIEL HOSPITAL, FLORNOY

REPAIRS VACCINE ODS 40000 AL G3 300 POUNDS

NOTE POWER 200 POUNDS

URGENT

2625

Subject: Medical Stores, Friuli and Cremona Divisions.

LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES SECTOR
STN/13

5 November 1944.

To: Direzione, Sanita, Comando Militare Campania

Copies: Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA)

MMIA LO 50 BLU

MMIA LO 51 BLU

1. Confirming telephone conversation Captains De Pienzo-Nelson, this morning, 30,000 Italian First Field Dressings (Pacetti di Medicazione) will be made available from Italian Medical Depot Stores, Marscoli Hospital, Naples for Friuli Division.
2. Transport from Friuli Division will collect the required amount.
3. For this and for other medical stores for Friuli and Cremona Divisions, ensure that immediate releases are accomplished by your office.
4. For your information 20,000 First Field Dressings (Pacetti di Medicazione) will be sent to you from Bari stores.

KRN/jb

George D. Smith, Jr.
GEORGE D. SMITH, JR
Major, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

*Refer to me mfu/2180
H. W.H.
M.S.*

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2624

Subject: Medical Supplies - East Africa

Military Mission
Italian Army,
ROME

14/1/2120

29 Oct 44

DES AMIQ

Reference conversation Major Haggie - Major Morrish.

It is confirmed that MMLA will accept all captured medical stores ex East Africa.

Surgical instruments etc., are not required by the Italian Armed Forces but will be accepted if you do not wish to use them elsewhere.

It is understood that with from this date no further indents on East Africa are required.


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

/RGG

2623

Subject: Medical Supplies

Military Mission
Italian Army,
ROME
M/14/2043
17 Oct 44

A.D.M.S.
Hq 64 Area, GWF.

Reference your M/145 of 13 Oct 44 with attached indent.

1. Medical supplies from British sources are issued to the Italian Armed Forces only in bulk, i.e. from MMIA Central Depot at Taranto to the Italian Main Depots at Bari, Naples, Rome, Sicily and Sardinia.

All redistribution down to units is handled entirely through normal Italian channels after approval by the Italian Medical Director of the area or formation concerned.

2. No detailed issues are handled through MMIA Allied approval for issue is not required. Orders have been issued by Ministry of War to all Italian formations on this subject. The R.M.O. 410 Regiment should therefore submit his indent to the Medical Director HQ 209 Division for approval for issue from the Italian Advance Depot of Medical Stores at Osimo. Items not available at Osimo are obtained from the Italian Base Depot at Bari.

Please instruct the R.M.O. 410 Regiment to submit his indent on HQ 209 Div.

3. In order to save time and ensure supply of the items demanded, one copy of the indent has been forwarded to the Italian Base Depot at Bari with instructions to forward these items to the Advance Depot at Osimo.

All future indents should be submitted through the usual Italian channels.

W. Haggie
Major,
D.A.D.M.S.
M.M.I.A.

2622

/REC

SUBJECT: Italian Gov. of German
Medical Materiel

SECRET

Army Sub Commission, MILA,
H. Co., A. G. C.

RMSP.

5/10/29/7

30 Aug 44.

AAI (25) - 4 copies.

copy to: MAINE (MILIA) ✓

1. I understand there is more than enough Italian Army medical equipment (non-expendable) in this country to last the whole Italian Army (British, US, and ITI) for a year.
2. A ruling is therefore required on whether Italian medical units
int
 - (a) 6 Combat Groups and
 - (b) The administrative tailshould be given Italian or British equipment.
3. According to present instructions all Italian Army equipment is to be at disposal FIRST of ITI. Italians and remainder allotted by an AAI committee to British or US Italians. In the case of Combat Groups I am instructed only to use ITI equipment if at least one year's maintenance is assured.
4.
 - (a) Points in favour of using British equipment are: -
 - i. Simplicity in supply and maintenance.
 - ii. Certainty of adequate amount from one source only.
 - (b) Points in favour of Italian equipment are: -
 - i. Italian personnel are accustomed to it.
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tva:wp.
S.C.

P. Pickering
 Major General
 Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

W.H.
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 7/4

11/4/75

Subject: Medical Supplies to Italian Air Force

Army Sub Commission, MILA
H.Q., A.C.C.
ROME

W/4/1593

24 AUGUST 44

S.M.O.
Belkan Air Force, CAF

Reference your RAP/5792/1/Med of 18 Aug 44.

1. Owing to the fact that there are no Pharmacists in the Italian Air Force, it has always been the policy for the nearest Italian Army Medical Depot to supply the demands of the Air Force on indent which should be first submitted to the DMS of the area concerned for approval.
In this case indents should be submitted by Legos to DMS IX Army Corps, Bari and the supplies will be obtained from the Medical Depot at Bitonte. Vesuvius should submit their indent to DMS FF. AA. Campania and the supplies obtained from the Medical Depot, Miracoli Hospital, Naples.
2. It is not proposed to alter the present system of supply which has always existed.
3. Complaints from Italian Air Force Medical Services should be made to the Director of Medical Services, Italian Air Force, who will refer the matter to the Medical Directorate of the Ministry of War.
4. Drugs for the treatment of V.D., Soaties, etc., have been in short supply for the last 6 months. First supplies of anti-syphilitic drugs have been received in the last few days and are being redistributed. Distribution should be completed down to units by the end of this month.

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/RLO

W. H. H. H. H.

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

Copy to: P.M.O., HQ RAF, NALF, CBE,
Air Force Sub Comm, ACC. (copy of HAF/5702/1/Red not to you).

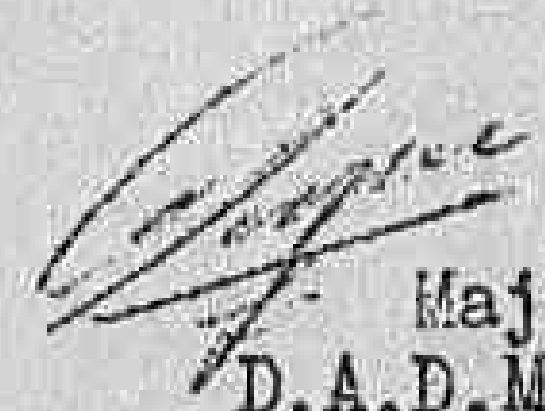
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Subject: Medical Supplies for the
Italian Armed Forces

Army Sub Commission, MMIA
H.Q., A.C.C.
ROME
M/4/1612
12 August 44

1. The address of this Headquarters is now as above, to which all official correspondence should be sent.
2. Medical supplies will be consigned to:-
Medical Liaison Office,
Army Sub Commission, ACC (MMIA)
c/o 52 Area, C.M.F.
3. It is essential that MMIA should not be omitted from the address in order to avoid delivery in error to other ACC Medical Stores who handle supplies for the civilian population.

/RBG


Major,
D.A.D.M.S.
Army Sub Commission, ACC.

Distribution

DMS AFHQ (6)
DMS AAI (6)
Director of Public Health
Sub Comm ACC (6)

DDMS No 1 District (6)
DDMS No 2 District (6)
DDMS No 3 District (6)
ADMS 52 Area (6)

2619

Subject: Medical Supplies

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
ROME

W/4/1470

27 July 44

MMIA LO 8th Army

Copy to: DDMS 8th Army

Herewith list of medical materials in short supply from Italian sources which may be demanded from 8th Army at the discretion of DDMS 8th Army, for immediate operational needs and in minimum quantities.

Blood Plasma or Serum
Neo I.C.I. and equivalents
Bismostat
Sheaths protective
Sulphathiazole and
Sulphadiazine
Sulphaguanidine
Sulphanilamide

Thermometers
X-Ray Films
Gloves operating
Insulin
Calf lymph & typhus vaccine
Benzyl Benzote
Dextrose (for intravenous
use)

The majority of these items should be available from Italian sources as from the end of August.

/REG

[Signature]
D.A.B.H.S.
Army Sub Commission, ACC.

2618

Subject: Medical Supplies - Italian Armed Forces

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (M.H.I.A.)
INQUIRY (LECCA)
M/4/1135

10 June 44

Director of Public Health Sub Commission, ACC.

Reference your ACC/3121/PH of 5 June 44.

1. A Medical Depot Stores for reception of all supplies for Italian Armed Forces has been requisitioned at Taranto. Supplies will be shipped direct from U.K. commencing in August 44.
2. Indents are compiled by Italian Army and include requirements of Navy and Air Force. Army Sub Commission forward to AAI and thence to AFHQ for approval before transmission to U.K. Redistribution is entirely an Italian Army responsibility.
3. Your offer of accommodation is appreciated and may still be needed.

W. H. H. H.
Major, R.A.M.C.
D.A.D.M.S.

Army Sub Commission, ACC-2617

/REB

Copy to: Medical Supply Branch, Public Health Sub Comm. ACC.
ACC Main H.Q.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Health Sub-Commission

Med
06/6

ACC/3121/PH

5 June 1944

SUBJECT: - Medical Supplies for Italian Armed Forces.

TO : - HQ, Army Sub-Commission, Lecce. MMIA, Lequile.
Attention: Major Heggie.

M/4

1. Reference your wire M1084 dated 3 June 1944, it is understood that at a conference with Brigadier Lush, Colonel Griffin agreed to allocate store space in the ACC Central Medical Store, Naples to the extent of 20 tons per month for medical supplies for the Italian Armed Forces.

2. No instructions have been received to the effect that these stores will either be indented for or distributed by ACC.

For Brigadier G. S. PARKINSON:

G. M. PRIZELLE Lt. Col.

G. M. PRIZELLE, Lt. Colonel,
Chief, Public Health Branch.

PH/GMF/ja

Copy to: Medical Supply Branch, PH Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission, Main HQ.

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M/4/48

Subject: Anti Venom Serum

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (M.M.I.A.)
IEQUIL (IECCB)
M/4/1052
/ June 44

DMS.,
HQ AAI

Copy to: DDMS Eighth Army
O.C. 10 Adv. Dep. Med. Stores

Reference your letter 4064 M of 21 May 44.

To date 160 doses of anti-venom serum have been issued to Allied authorities. This represents over 50% of holdings in Italian Depots.

It is requested that, for the present, no more should be taken from Italian Depots.

W. A. Higgins

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

/REG

2615

Subject: Stores & Equipment - Italian Armed Forces

Army Sub Commissioner, A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (M.M.I.A.)
LHQ ILS (IECCE)
N/4/1009

25 May 44

Director
Public Health Sub Commission, ACC.

Reference your letter ACC/3078/PH of 8 May 44.

1. Mosquito nets have never existed in the Italian Armed Forces and are not available.
2. 92 Italian Camp Hospital was sent to 8th Army area in February 44 and its equipment was complete at that time. Later 50 extra beds and tentage were sent in order to allow for its expansion to 100-bedded hospital.
3. It is suggested that the O.C. 92 Ospedale da Campo should apply to 210 Italian Division H.Q. or Italian H.Q. Naples for his requirements. If not available from local Italian Army sources, it is possible to purchase cooking utensils in Naples.

4. I regret that I cannot be more helpful but the needs of individual units are met from Italian Depots. The items detailed are not an Allied supply. I am visiting Naples shortly and will endeavour to get Italian Military Authorities to help. Failing this, I can only suggest that the items should be obtained by local purchase and paid for by Italian Civil authorities.

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W.C.H.

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

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Health Sub-Commission

8 May 1944

ACC/3073/PH

SUBJECT: - Q.M. Stores for Italian Field Hospital.

TO : - HQ Main, Army Sub-Commission, Lecce, (M.M.I.A.)
Attention: Major Heggie, RAMC.

1. Herewith copies of request for QM Stores needed by 92 Italian Field Hospital and letters from HQ, AMG 8th Army addressed to G-4 (B), and HQ, this Sub-Commission.

2. The Supply Branch of this Sub-Commission deals only with medical stores and has no QM Supplies available.

3. It would be appreciated if you would be good enough to take this up with the appropriate authorities.

G. S. Parkinson
G. S. PARKINSON, Brigadier
Director, Public Health Sub-Comm.

PH/GMF/ja

Incl:
As Above.

2613

Copy to: OC, HQ AMG 8th Army Main.
" " Army Sub-Commission, Salerno.
" " Medical Supply Branch, PH Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission Main HQ.

Subject: Medical Supplies to Italian Armed Forces

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (M.M.I.A.)
LEGHORN
4/4/676²⁰

April 44

Liaison Officer,
Army Sub Comm AGC. (M.I.A) HQ 5 Corps.

Reference your O/2 of 12 April.

1. The Italian s have never been authorised to draw medical supplies from British Units. The wording of the directive issued by DMS AAI on 20 Dec 43 reads:- "expendible medical supplies will be issued to Italian Medical Officers at the discretion of D.Ds.M.S. or A.Ds.M.S. if they consider that it is impracticable to obtain these from Italian sources in Bari or Naples." (Applicable to combat zones of 5th and 8th Armies only).

2. Supplies are made only in bulk from British Base Depots to Italian Depots and the Italian Medical Services draw through normal channels i.e. 209 Div HQ or 247 Camp Hospital, Ternoli.

It is felt that in certain cases, due to lack of transport facilities, the Italians have made requests to the nearest Allied Medical Unit rather than through their own channels. Supplies are now adequate in Italian Depots and units in the combat zones are given priority on issues.

As the Italians are now more organised and the battle line stable, it should seldom be necessary for application to be made to Allied Medical Units.

3. MEMORANDUM
Demands for all Italian Forces were made on 22 March and 3 April to AAI and passed to AFHQ. A ruling is still awaited. A copy of the latest "Q" signal is attached.

MEMORANDUM
Q(AI) AAI have ruled that no issues will be made. Decision still awaited. It is regretted that as yet a definite ruling cannot be given but it is practically certain that no issues will be made. and commitment will be made available for all Italian troops in 5th and 8th Army Areas.

Depots to Italian Depots and the Italian Medical Services through channels i.e. 209 Div HQ or 247 Camp Hospital, Ternoli.

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ANTI-MOSQUITO OINTMENT Decision still awaited. It is regretted that as yet a definite ruling cannot be given but it is practically certain that mosquito coils and ointment will be made available for all Italian troops in 5th and 8th Army Areas.

4. Most of the Italian supplies of quinine etc., have been sent to Sardinia, but there are sufficient on the Mainland to treat all cases of malaria provided it is not used for prophylaxis. Instruction on all these matters has been issued through Italian medical channels.

/RGG

W. C. Haggie

Major, R.A.M.C.
D.A.D.N.S.
Army Sub Commission, AGC.

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Subject: Medical Supplies

Army Sub Commission, A.G.C.
Main H.Q. (M.H.I.A.)
LEQUITE (LEOCE)
M/4/638
13 April 44.

Liaison Officer,
ASC. ACC. HQ Rear 8th Army.

Reference your MM/112/1 of 9 April 44.
1. Medical supplies for all Italian Units should be obtained through Italian channels. Bulk issues are made by Allies only to Central Base Depots.

Supplies are available although in limited amounts and S.M.R.E. have already been instructed that the Italian troops in 5th and 8th Army areas must be given priority.

In more detail, Unit Medical Officers in 5th and 8th Army areas obtain their supplies from the nearest Italian Medical Unit, i.e.

247	Camp Hospital	Termoli
244	"	"
685	"	"
470	"	"
231	"	"

Combat Brigade Group

Afragola

or Italian Military Hospital, Maddaloni.

I have already written to S.M.R.E. on this subject and will do so again, but I think that lack of transport often results in the Unit Medical Officer applying to the Allied Unit rather than to his own Medical Unit.

2. HQ AAI have ruled that mepacrine on the same scale as for the British will be available for all operational troops (i.e. the 3 Divisions) and as far as possible for other troops in malarious areas. Supplies of mepacrine are likely to be limited and the Italians will have to do their best by other methods, e.g. drainage, selection of camp sites, anti-mosquito cream, veils and gauntlets etc. The matter has at present been referred to AFHQ on the amounts of anti-malarial equipment likely to be available.

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Major, R.A.M.C.
D.A.D.N.S.

Army Sub Commission, ACC.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Public Health Sub-Commission

ACC/3072/PH

3 March 1944

SUBJECT: - Medical Supplies for Italian Army.

TO : - Main H.Q., Army Sub-Commission, Lecce. *M/4/495*

A request has been received by this Sub-Commission from AFHQ for the submission of complete indents for medical equipment and supplies to cover the Italian armed forces in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia.

It is understood that the procedure is for the Italian General Staff to prepare indents and submit them to the Army Sub-Commission. When the Army Sub-Commission is satisfied that the indents are in order, they are passed to the Public Health Sub-Commission for further scrutiny and submission to AFHQ.

As this Sub-Commission has as yet, received no indents to cover the Italian Army, information would be welcomed as to how soon such indents may be expected.

PH/GMF/ja

G. S. Parkinson
G. S. PARKINSON, Brigadier
Director, Public Health Sub-Commission.

Copy to: - Col. M.E. Griffin, Medical Supply Officer
ACC, H.Q. (Main).

Inclosures for Col. Griffin:

1. Telegram 29 Feb. 44 Folio #03399.
2. Telegram 26 Feb. 44 Folio #02302.
3. Report by Capt. Brooke, PH/1314 - 9 Feb. 44.
4. List of Medical Supplies, Naples Whse.

*Second copy passed to Q for staff letter to be sent to PHSC
on this subject U.S. RESTRICTED Equals British RESTRICTED
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Subject: Medical Supply - Italian Armed Forces

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main B.C. (A.M.I.A.)
L.S. (L.S.)
2/14/61
3 March 61

Domestic Section,
A.C.C. (2 copies)

Copy to: Army Sub Commission, Attn: Mr. B. B. B. B.

1. Allied Force Headquarters has requested this Sub Commission to estimate future demands of medical supplies for Italian Armed Forces. At present, supplies are made from captured Italian stocks, supplemented where necessary, from Allied sources. These sources will not last indefinitely.
2. Certain vaccines and sera are now being produced locally in England and facilities exist for the manufacture of tablets from the powdered forms of certain drugs.
3. Please forward any information of a similar nature concerning the drug industry, or other medical equipment (bandages, instruments, etc.), in order that future demands on Allied sources may be properly estimated.

W. C. Haggerty
Atty.
Army Sub Comm. ACC.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA.
DIREZIONE GENERALE DI SANITA' MILITARE.

No. 65/San di prot Div. 3 Sez. 1

R.F. 107. 15 January, 1944.

SUBJECT:- Typhoid/Para-typhoid inoculations in the Italian Army.

To:- M.M.I.A.

Reference your letter M/A/166 dated 7 Jan. 44.

1. We beg to confirm that 245,000 c.c. of T.A.B. serum are available in the Stores of Italian Army: 75,000 c.c. at the Military Hospital BARI, 120,000 c.c. at CATANZARO and 18,000 c.c. at NAPLES.

2. The system of inoculations are as follows :- (T.A.B. to prevent typhoid fever, paratyphoid A & B, Tetanus) :-

(a) Primary Inoculation:-
1st dose..... 1.c.c.
After 15 days..... 2.c.c.
" 15 days..... 2.c.c.

(b) Re-inoculation (AFTER 6 MONTHS)..... :-
1st Dose..... 1.c.c.
After 15 days..... 2.c.c.

Thus quantities for the 1st inoculation are 3 times that of the British and the second (re-inoculation) 6 times as great.

3. Available quantities in Italian Stores cover the 2nd inoculation of about 65,000 men (considering losses).

4. Inoculations will be commenced with what serum is available pending receipt of further quantities in accordance with list of priorities given by S.M.R.E.

II. CAPO DIVISIONE
(Col. Med. V. Polosa).
(Sgd) V. Polosa.

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SUBJECT: Control of issue of medical stores - Italian Army.

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Military Mission to
ITALIAN ARMY

2/4/69.

7 JAN 69

To: D.D.H.S. A.P.H.S. Adv. Adv. Adv. Adv.Copy to: D.D.H.S. No. 2 District
Adv. Adv. Adv. Adv.Further to H.M.I.A. Signal 0.257 of 31 Dec. 65, copy to H.M.I.A. Signal
and your reply H.6677 of 2 Dec. 66.

1. The request contained in this signal in no way affects the existing arrangements for issuing medical stores for Italian Army.

2. Shortly after the arrival of the Allied Forces in this country an embargo was placed on all Italian stores and equipment. By this embargo, the Italians were not allowed to issue from their stores and depots to their own troops. No equipment was made and therefore medical stores and depots came under this embargo.

3. A further letter of H.M.I.A. 45 Aug 1962/45/10 2 of 23 Oct. 63 refers to the control of these stores. I refer in particular to para. 5 which reads "The embargo placed on all Italian depots and stores shortly after the arrival of Allied Forces in Italy will be lifted as directed by A.P.H.S. Adv. Adv. Adv. Adv. and the various items issued in accordance with the policy given in the foregoing paragraphs".

4. Under A.P.H.S. Adv. Adv. Adv. Adv., letter 34/5/4 of 14 Dec. 66 the control of issue from Italian stores and depots in No. 2 District passed to H.M.I.A. This letter applied in particular to clothing and equipment.

5. Under A.P.H.S. Adv. Adv. Adv. Adv. letter 34/5/4 of 23 Dec. 66 all personnel clothing and equipment was released to Italian Military Authorities for issue under their own control, other stores remaining controlled and only issued on countersignature of H.M.I.A. as laid down in para. 4 above.

6. As a result, requests for release of small items of medical stores began to arrive e.g. 100 First Aid Dressings. If carried out in full, it means that application to H.M.I.A. must be made before 100 aspirins are supplied to an Italian Medical Unit situated in Germany.

7. In practice, this has not taken place mainly due to the fact that these orders have only been brought to the notice of the Italian Medical Services.

8. It is therefore requested that control of issue of medical stores
troops on the mainland be officially handed over to Italian authorities

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4. Under A.E.I.C. Adv. Mem. Ref., Letter 31/5/9 of 14 Dec. the control of issue from Italian stores and depots in No. 2 District passed to M.M.I.A. This letter applied in particular to clothing and equipment.

5. Under A.E.I.C. Adv. Mem. Ref. Letter 31/5/9 of 22 Dec. all personnel clothing and equipment was released to Italian Military Authorities for issue under their own control, other stores remaining controlled and only issued on counter-signature of M.M.I.A. as laid down in para. 4 above.

6. As a result, requests for release of small items of medical stores began to arrive e.g. No. 1st Field Dressings. If carried out in full, it seems that application to M.M.I.A. must be made before 100 supplies are supplied to an Italian Medical Unit situated in Ostensano.

7. In practice, this has not taken place mainly due to the fact that these orders have only been brought to the notice of the Italian Medical Services.

8. It is therefore requested that control of issue of medical stores to troops of the mainland be officially handed over to Italian authorities except for those listed at Appendix A, and any other items you may wish to add. 2607

(1.) Unless an Allied Staff is installed in all Italian Medical Depots control is, in practice, an impossibility.

(2.) In spirit of the order was not intended to apply to small amounts of medical stores.

(3.) Control of stores as listed at Appendix A remain with M.M.I.A. and will thus be clearly defined to Italian Medical Services.

9. Further to this problem, requests have been received asking permission to send medical stores to (a) Lago-Ilvina (b) for use of civilians in Eighth Army area where no civil medical services exist, (c) Sicily and (d) Sardinia.

I have given temporary permission for (a) which is operational and (b). Permission for (c) and (d) was refused until a ruling was obtained.

Permission for sending stores off the mainland still rests with M.M.I.A. Adv. Mem. Ref.

10. Present Control of Depots of Medical Stores of Italian Army:-
(a) Existing stores are now or will be fully known (see report on Existing Italian Drug Stock dated 6 Jan. 45).

(b) Monthly inventories for requests are carefully scrutinized and actual issues notified to M.M.I.A.

(c) Daily issues made to G.I.A. and S.I.A. will be known to M.M.I.A. who will be notified by G.I.A. and S.I.A. of all medical stores of actual amounts issued.

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(d) I am arranging with the Italians to have records made of all subsidiary bulk issues made to:-

- (1) Calabria.
- (2) Italian Air Force.
- (3) Italian Units in English Army Area.
- (4) Hugo-Slovia.
- (5) Sardinia.
- (6) Sicily.

I consider this control will be sufficient and provided A.M.C.O.B. are able to supply all civilians needs any undue shortages will be revealed by comparison on a percentage basis with amounts required by our own forces.

11. To sum up, it is requested that:-

- (1) Official control on mainland pass to Italian army.
- (2) Appendix A, with any amendments, be issued as a list of controlled medical stores. Control to remain with A.F.H.C. Adv. Adm. For or M.H.I.A. as decided by you.
- (3) A ruling be given on supplies for Hugo-Slovia, Sardinia, Sicily, and civilians in English Army area.

A. L. H. H. H.

Major, M.H.C.
for Adv.
Cmd.

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APPENDIX A.

1. QUANTITATIVELY COMPARABLE (N.I.L.A. least comparable).

- (i) Anesthetic Apparatus.
- (ii) Druggies and Catheters of the glass-elastic or rubber type, rubber sheeting and tubing.
- (iii) Cylinders and apparatus for containing Oxygen, Nitrous Oxide or Carbon Dioxide.
- (iv) Cystoscopes - complete. Ophthalmoscopes, Auriscopes, Laryngoscopes, Tharyngoscopes, Vestibuloscopes, Iaryngoscopes, Oesophagoscopes etc., sigmoidoscopes.
- (v) Electric sterilizers, Disinfectant machinery, Autoclaves.
- (vi) All X-ray apparatus and accessories.
- (vii) Radium.
- (viii) Electric Outlets and accessories.
- (ix) Microscopes, Lenses and accessories.
- (x) Accumulators and batteries for Helios electrical apparatus.
- (xi) Syringes - Reamed type (all-glass syringes are not controlled).
- (xii) Thermometers.
- (xiii) Operating Tables.
- (xiv) Dental Drills - all types.
- (xv) Hospital beds and mattresses.

2. Italian Medical Services be asked to take necessary measures to control and economize in the use of:-

Alcohol denature.	Alcohol fine.	Acids caustic (hyd. peroxide)
Alcohol ethylic fine.	Quinine salts and substitutes.	

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(xii) Thermometers.

(xiii) Operating Tables.

(xiv) Dental chairs - all types.

(xv) Hospital beds and mattresses.

2. Italian Medical Services be asked to take necessary measures to control and economize in the use of:-

Alcohol denatured. Alcohol fino. Acetate encephalitis (hyd. peroxide)

Alcohol otitis fino.

Quinine salts and substitutes.

Alcohol otitis fino.

Atropine drugs.

Alcohol otitis fino.

Acetate encephalitis (hyd. peroxide)

Alcohol otitis fino.

Acetate encephalitis (hyd. peroxide)

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Potassium

Mercury Salts.

SUBJECT: - V.A.P. inoculation - Italian Army.

Military Mission to
ITALIAN ARMY.

14/4/166.

7 Jan. 166.

To: - Ministero della Guerra - Direzione Generale di Sanita' Militare.

1. References your letter No. 3/Jan/41 prot of 1 Jan. 44 and No. 4/Jan/41 prot of 2 Jan. 44, from the quantity of V.A.P. vaccine requested 50,000 doses, it is understood that this is intended to cover requirements beyond the mainland of Italy. I have therefore forwarded your letters to D.D.M.S. A.P.H.C. Adv. Adm. Feb., and D.D.M.S. No. 2 District.
2. In respect of Italian troops situated on the mainland I understand that 50,000 require primary inoculation and 150,000 require the usual .5 C.C. dose given yearly. This will require a total of 150,000 C.C.
3. Present existing Italian stocks show 75,000 C.C. in APUZIA and 9000 flasks in NAPLES. In the supplementary indent submitted on behalf of the Italian Army on 8 Dec. 43 100,000 C.C. V.A.P. vaccine was requested. If the full amount is issued it will easily cover your needs on the mainland.
4. Please confirm that I am correct in assuming that the coming from Italian stocks is smaller to the British, which is:-

(a) For primary inoculation.....	.5 C.C.
in 7 - 10 days.....	1. C.C.
(b) Repeated in 12 months.....	.5 C.C.
5. In view of the increasing incidence of typhoid reported both among civilian and military, the inoculation of Italian troops should be commenced at once from available stocks.
6. Every effort will be made on the part of the Allies to complete your needs consistent with available stocks and Allied requirements.

A. C. Higgin

Major, R.A.M.C.
For Brig.
Comd.

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Copy to: - D.D.M.S. A.P.H.C. Adv. Adm. Feb.) With translated copies

- (a) For primary inoculation..... 5 C.O.
In 7 - 10 days..... f. C.O.
- (b) Repeated in 12 months..... 5 C.O.

5. In view of the increasing incidence of typhoid reported both among civilian and military, the inoculation of Italian troops should be commenced at once from available stocks.

6. Every effort will be made on the part of the Allies to complete year needs consistent with available stocks and Allied requirements.

L. C. Haggie

Major R. A. M. G.
for Brig.
Comd.

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} With translated copies
} of Italian Ministry of
} War letters.

Copy to:- R. E. M. S. A. S. M. S. Adv. Adv. Adv.
R. E. M. S. No. 2 District

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA.

DIREZIONE GENERALE DI SANITA' MILITARE.

URGENTE.

No. 1/San/7 di prot.

P.L. 107 2 Jan. 44.

SUBITO E:- Anti-Typhoid Vaccine.

The epidemic nature of diseases of the typhoid and paratyphoid group as you know, has shown an increase in certain regions of liberated Italy, particularly in CAMPANIA and SARDEGNA.

This Ministry wishes to forestall anything in the nature of an epidemic among the troops and has decided to carry out vaccination of the troops who have not yet been immunized, and to re-vaccinate those the were first done more than a year ago.

Considering however, our present shortage of vaccine for this purpose and the impossibility of preparing it in the quantity required (500,000 doses) due to the absence in liberated territory of sero-vaccine producing institutions, we ask M.M.I.A. to examine the possibility of supplying the vaccine in question, bearing in mind the fact that the benefits consequent to this vaccination would indirectly turn to the advantage of the Anglo-American troops.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE DI SANITA' MILITARE.

DIREZIONE GENERALE MEDICA.

(Sgd) CALABRADO.

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SUBJECT:- Medical Indents - Italian Army.

Military Mission to
ITALIAN ARMY.

W/4/151.

3 Jan. 44.

To:- Ministero della Guerra (2 copies).

Stato Maggiore/Esercito. (1 copy).

Indents for medical supplies for the Italian Army will be submitted as follows:-

1. Consolidated demands for one month's supply will be submitted by ^{M. of W.} ~~the R.E.~~ ^{M. of W.} Sanita' to reach D.A.D.M.S., M.M.I.A. by the 8th of each month.

2. Six copies of the British Army Form I.1209 will be submitted for Western Italy and six copies for Western Italy. The indent for Western Italy will include Italian Air-Force demands.

3. All indents will be signed by a Senior Medical Officer of the Italian Ministry of War.

4. All indents will show existing stocks in column 1 and requests in column 3. Amounts may now be requested in kilograms and c.c. ^{FLAMBE}

5. M.M.I.A. will forward indents to D.D.M.S. (No. 2. District) by 12th of each month.

6. Indents submitted will be for issue two months ahead (i.e. January's indent may be expected to arrive in March).

7. S.M.R.E. will make their own arrangements for obtaining requests from NAPLES and CALABRIA.

8. In Eastern Italy, No. 4 Base Depot Medical Stores will issue to Italian Medical Stores Depot at "ROMANO" Hospital, RANL.

In Western Italy, No. 10 Base Depot Medical Stores will issue to Italian Medical Stores Depot at "MADONNA" Hospital, NAPLES.

9. No. 4 and No. 10 B.D.M.S.'s will send to M.M.I.A. a copy of actual amounts issued to Italians. ^(now required Signal receipt)

10. No. 4 and No. 10 B.D.M.S.'s will inform D.A.D.M.S. M.M.I.A. by signal when stores are ready for collection. M.M.I.A. will inform S.M.R.E. M. of W.

11. Arrangements for re-issue to Italian Hospitals and other medical units of Italian Army and Air-Force will be made by Italian Medical Services. (NAVY)

12. Italian Medical Stores Depot's will maintain separate ledgers for 2602 supplies

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3. All indents will be signed by a Senior Medical Officer of the Italian Ministry of War.
4. All indents will show existing stocks in column 1 and requests in column 3. Amounts may now be requested in kilograms and C.C. *FLAMP*
5. M.M.I.A. will forward indents to D.D.M.S. (No. 2. District) by 12th of each month.
6. Indents submitted will be for issue two months ahead (i.e. January's indent may be expected to arrive in March).
7. S.M.R.E. will make their own arrangements for obtaining requests from NAPLES and CALABRIA.
8. In Eastern Italy, No. 4 Base Depot Medical Stores will issue to Italian Medical Stores Depot at "BENGO" Hospital, RAVI.
In Western Italy, No. 10 Base Depot Medical Stores will issue to Italian Medical Stores Depot at "MACOLI" Hospital, NAPLES.
9. No. 4 and No. 10 B.D.M.S.'s will send to M.M.I.A. a copy of actual amounts issued to Italians. *(now require Signal receipt)*
10. No. 4 and No. 10 B.D.M.S.'s will inform D.A.D.M.S. M.M.I.A. by signal when stores are ready for collection. M.M.I.A. will inform S.M.R.E. M. & W.
11. Arrangements for re-issue to Italian Hospitals and other medical units of Italian Army and Air-Force will be made by Italian Medical Services. *(NAVY)*
12. Italian Medical Stores Depot's will maintain separate ledgers for supplies received from Allied sources and these will be open for inspection by Allied Military Authorities at all times.
13. Applicable to expendable stores only.

Copies to:- D.D.M.S. A.F.H.Q. Adv. Am. Ech. - 5 (1 for C.C. No. 10 B.D.M.S.)
 D.D.M.S. No. 2 District. - 2 (1 for C.C. No. 4 B.D.M.S.)
 "Q" M.M.I.A.

/HJR.

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Gen.

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AIR FORCE.

Nº 2. D. 15

SUBJECT :- Medical Equipment - Italian Air Force.

H.Q., No. 2 District, C.M.F.
Tel. No. 13611.
Ref. 9533/30 M.

6 Dec 43.

*Return to indent to
Italian Army.*

D.A.D.M.S.,
Military Mission to Italian Armies.

With reference to your No. AQ/7M dated 18 Nov 43
and this Headquarters memorandum number as above dated
30 Nov 43.

1. Herewith estimates of medical stores required
for the Italian Air Force, the present strength of which
is approximately 30,000 and is expected to increase by
1,000 per month.

2. Will you please include these demands in your
indent now being prepared.

3. Colonel Blundo is the Italian Medical Officer
concerned and if necessary can be located at the Italian
4th Army Headquarters - Tel. 10256 Ext. 74. The
procedure for obtaining medical supplies should be
communicated to this Medical Officer. ??

*Under proposed arrangements
Air Force will draw from*

T.O.O. 1245H Italian Depot Medical Stores Colonel,
D.D.M.S.

FJD/ETM.

*is not direct.
and existing stocks not given.*

1 Action.

This was not included as

*This policy yet to be
approved.*

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Subject: Medical Supplies - Italian Army

Military Mission
to Italian Armies.

Ref. AQ/7 M. 18th November, 1943.

D.D.M.S.,
No 2 District, C.M.F.

1. Medical supplies held by the 7th Italian Army are very low and are only sufficient to last until mid-December or in some cases until the end of the year. After this period there are no further supplies available from Italian sources as practically all the manufacturing area is in North Italy.
2. The present strength of 7th Italian Army is 210,000 and in addition there are 80,000 Air Force and Navy. Normally the Medical Service of the Army also supplied the Air Force but not the Navy.
3. There are 32 Military Hospitals in XXXX 7th Army area with a total bed capacity of 13000; approximately 3000 are occupied by the Allies.
4. The Director of Medical Services of 7th Italian Army was asked to submit an indent of their requirements for the next 6 months and based on an army of 200,000 men. A copy of this indent is attached.
5. The following comments on the attached indent are given:-
 - a) Certain drugs are not in common use in the British Army; others would appear to be of the "non-essential" nature. These have been allowed to stand as it is thought that captured Italian medical stores may be available to meet the demand.
 - b) A number of drugs are duplicated e.g. in solid and solution form.
 - c) The following are urgently required as stocks are nil

boric acid	sulphenamide	Antidiphtheria Serum
Barium sulphate	M & B 603	Antitetanic serum
cascara sagrada	Sulphothiazole	adhesive strapping
ether(anaesthetic)	Quinine compounds	bandages
castor oil	glycerine	syringes (all types)
sed. bicarbonate	Vaccination lymph	thermometers (Centigrade)
6. All the above information is on 7th Army area only i.e. Calabria Apulia and part of Lucania.
7. Any information when such supplies are likely to be available would be appreciated.

/WAH.

for Brigadier,
Commanding

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