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Medical Branch
Land Forces Sub Commission
A. C. (MMIA)

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File Ref MAD/383

Date Received 19 APR 1946

TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.
TO : MMIA

REF: 6/3048/MT/3183
DATE: 16/4/46

SUBJECT: Supply of penicilline.

Ref. your M/4D/237 dated 14/3/46

Enclosed herewith copy of the request
for penicilline forwarded by this Ministry to
U.N.R.R.A. and a copy of the reply received.

sgd. Del Balzo

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FROM: UNRRA
TO : M.of W.

SUBJECT: Penicilline for the Italian Army.

I have received your letter 6/2791/1445/MT dated 22 March dealing with the yearly requirement of Penicilline for the Italian Army.

I regret to inform you that our administration is not in a position to make a direct allotment of Penicilline to the Italian Army.

All penicilline imported in Italy by UNRRA is handed over to the High Commissioner for the Hygiene and Public Health Department which, on approval of UNRRA, arranges for the distribution of the drug to a certain number of Centres in various parts of the country.

Should the High Commissioner for the Hygiene and Health Department not be in a position to make an allotment of penicilline to Italian Army, I suggest the Officers Commanding Military Hospitals forward the request to the local centres of distribution of penicilline which is to be used for individual cases, as required.

In such a way military patients will be brought up to the same level of clinical selection as civilian patients and economical use of penicilline, of which availability is limited, will be secured.

sgd. Helen Montgomery
Bureau of Relief Services

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FROM: M.of W.
TO : UNHRA

REF: 6/2791/MT/1445
DATE: 15/3/46

SUBJECT: Penicilline.

The High Commissariat for Hygiene and the Public Health Department, to which this Ministry forwarded a request for penicilline for Military Medical Corps, replied that the allotments of the drug are assigned direct by UNHRA.

We beg^{to} therefore, to kindly ~~communicate~~ us urgently if you are in a position to supply penicilline to the Army, bearing in mind that the estimate annual requirement would be approximately 300 million ~~units~~.

The above request is forwarded according to a similar request made to this Ministry by the Allied Mission.

sgd. Fadda

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FROM: Presidenza del Consiglio
dei Ministri
TO : M.of W.

REF: 66293

DATE: 25/2/46

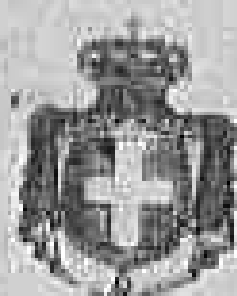
SUBJECT: Assignment of Penicillins
to the Armed Forces.

Ref. to letter 6/1635/783/M2 dated 14/2/46.

(that assignments of Penicillins)
It is pointed out, are not made by this Commissariat
but by UNRRA, to which requests are forwarded by Units concerned.
As far as requests for Military Hospitals are concerned
these have always been fulfilled as far as possible on account
of limited quantity of penicillins supplied by U.N.R.R.A.

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Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE DI SANITA' MILITARE

Roma 16 APR 1948

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

Divisione III *in* CF.

Int. N. 6/3048 *MT/Magdi* 2
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Ripartizione del 14.3.46

Int. N. 1 M/4D/237

OGGETTO riifornimento di penicillina.

Si trasmette copia della richiesta di
penicillina inoltrata da questo Ministero al-
l'U.N.R.R.A. e copia della risposta ricevuta.

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P. IL MINISTRO
P. U. Del Balzo
IL TEN. COL. GIULIO FARIN
(dr. S. Cazzulani)

[Signature]

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UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
ITALIAN MISSION

Ref.No. Health Div. M-1-4

3/4/46

ALLA : Direzione Generale di Sanità Militare
Ministero della Guerra
Roma

Da : Acting Deputy Chief of Mission for Relief Services

SUBJECT : Penicillina per l'Esercito Italiano

Ho ricevuto il vostro promemoria, del 22 marzo, n. di prot.
6/2791/1445/MT riguardante il fabbisogno annuale di penicillina
dell'Esercito Italiano.-

Sono spiacente di dovervi informare che la nostra Amministra-
zione è nell'impossibilità di fare un'assegnazione diretta di pe-
nicillina per uso dell'Esercito Italiano.- Tutta la penicillina
importata in Italia dall'UNRRA è consegnata all'Alto Commissario
per l'Igiene e la Sanità Pubblica il quale, con l'approvazione
dell'UNRRA, dispone per la distribuzione della droga ad un certo
numero di centri in varie zone del paese.-

Se l'Alto Commissario per l'Igiene e la Sanità Pubblica non
in grado di fare un'assegnazione di penicillina all'Esercito It-
liano, io suggerisco che gli ufficiali comandanti degli ospedal-
militari facciano domanda al locale centro di distribuzione del
penicillina, per la cura dei casi individuali che dovessero pr-
sentarsi.- In tal modo, i pazienti militari saranno posti allo
stesso livello di selezione clinica dei pazienti civili, e sarà
sicurato l'uso economico della penicillina, la cui disponibilità
è limitata.-

HELEN MONTGOMERY
ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION
BUREAU OF RELIEF SERVICES

Sono spiacente di dovervi informare che la nostra Amministrazione è nell'impossibilità di fare un'assegnazione diretta di penicillina per uso dell'Esercito Italiano. - Tutta la penicillina importata in Italia dall'UNRRA è consegnata all'Alto Commissario per l'Igiene e la Sanità Pubblica il quale, con l'approvazione dell'UNRRA, dispone per la distribuzione della droga ad un certo numero di centri in varie zone del paese.

Se l'Alto Commissario per l'Igiene e la Sanità Pubblica non in grado di fare un'assegnazione di penicillina all'Esercito Italiano, io suggerisco che gli ufficiali comandanti degli ospedali militari facciano domanda al locale centro di distribuzione del penicillina, per la cura dei casi individuali che dovessero presentarsi. - In tal modo, i pazienti militari saranno posti allo stesso livello di selezione clinica dei pazienti civili, e sarà assicurato l'uso economico della penicillina, la cui disponibilità è limitata.

HELEN MONTGOMERY
ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION
BUREAU OF RELIEF SERVICES

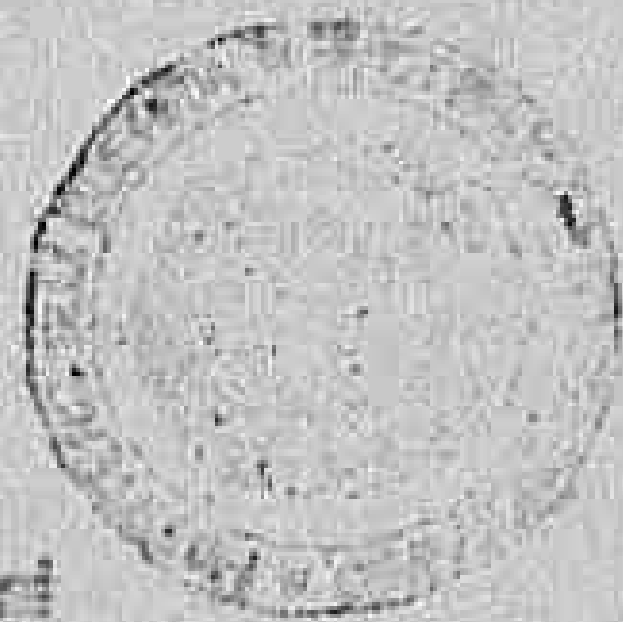
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CC: Prof. Gino Bergami

P. C. C.

AL TUG. COL. THOMAS FARM.

(Dr. S. Gagliardini)



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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE DI SANITA' MILITARE
Divisione III^a Sez. CF

Roma, 11 15 Marzo 1946

N° 6/2791/MT/1445

ALL' U. N. R. R. A.

R O M A

O G G E T T O : Pencillina.-

L'Alto Commissariato per l'Igiene e la Sanità Pubblica, al quale questo Ministero ha inoltrato richiesta di penicillina per i bisogni della Sanità Militare, ha reso noto che le assegnazioni del prodotto vengono effettuate ^{direttamente} dall'U.N.R.R.A.-

Si prega pertanto di voler compiacersi comunicare, con cortese urgenza, se codesto Ente è in grado di effettuare rifornimenti di penicillina all'Esercito, tenendo presente che il presumibile fabbisogno annuale si aggirerebbe sui 300 milioni di unità.-

Tanto si richiede per aderire ad analogo, preciso quesito posto a questo Ministero dalla Missione Alleata.-

P. C. C.

P. IL MINISTRO 3331

F/TO S. FADDA

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P. C. C.

IL TEN. COL. CESARE FARM.
(dr. S. Magliacchi)

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P. IL MINISTRO 333

F/TO S. FADDA

C O F I A

Nº 66/293

PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
ALTO COMMISSARIATO PER L'IGIENE E LA
SANITA' PUBBLICA

Roma, 25 Febbraio 1946

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GEN. DI SANITA' MILITARE
DIV. III^a Sez. C.F.

R O M A

Risposta al Fº 6/1635/783/M2 del 14.2.46

O G G E T T O : Assegnazione di Penicillina alle Forze
Armate.-

Con riferimento alla nota succitata si fa presente
che le assegnazioni di penicillina non sono state fatte da
questo Commissariato ma dall'U.N.R.R.A., alla quale vengono
segnalate le richieste degli interessati.

Per quanto riguarda le richieste degli Ospedali milita-
ri, quest'ultima sono state sempre esaudite, nei limiti del
possibile, data la limitata quantità di penicillina fornita
dall'U.N.R.R.A.

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PER L'ALTO COMMISSARIO

Armato. —

Per quanto riguarda le richieste degli Ospedali militari, quest'ultima sono state sempre esaudite, nei limiti del possibile, data la limitata quantità di penicillina fornita dall'U.N.R.R.A.

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PER L'ALTO COMMISSARIO

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Subject: Supply of Penicillin

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.I.A.)
R.M.E.
W/LD/237

14 March 46

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

With reference to your letter G/2583/ME/1346
dated 11.3.46.

In view of the reply given by Department of Public Health and also the fact that you do not appear to have made any previous request for a regular supply of Penicillin, may I suggest that you make such a request to U.S.R.R.A. through the Department of Public Health immediately. You should state your minimum monthly requirements on your application.

Copies of your correspondence should be sent to this office so that we shall be in possession of all the facts should the matter have to be taken up with Higher Authorities.

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

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MINISTRY OF WAR
Medical Directorate

Ref: 6/2583/MT/1346

11.3.46.

To: MMIA - ref your M/4D/142

Subject: PENICILLIN

The Department of Public Health & Hygiene, to which this Directorate applied in order to obtain, from now on, a regular supply of Penicillin, has replied with letter 66/293, a copy of which we enclose, from which it appears that Military Hospital requests have been fulfilled in the past as far as possible.

This Directorate wishes to point out, that whilst some Military Hospital in the Provinces may have applied for Penicillin direct to a Civilian Health Department, in point of fact, no large scale request has ever been presented to the Public Health Department by the Military Health Department, either for the Army, or for any of the other Armed Forces.

In any case, the Public Health Department is not in a position to guarantee a regular supply, for the future, but would limit itself to forwarding any requests to UNRRA, who would arrange in turn in accordance with their own small availabilities.

Medical Branch
Land Forces Sub Commission
A. C. (MMIA)

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P. IL MINISTRO
(sgd) S. FADDA

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M/4D/233

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DEPARTMENT OF HYGIENE & PUBLIC HEALTH

Supply Branch

Ref; 66/293

Rome. 25 Feb 46.

Subject: Supply of Penicillin to Armed Forces

To: Ministry of War,
Direz. Gen. di San. Mil. - ref. your 6/1635/763/MT of 14.2.46.

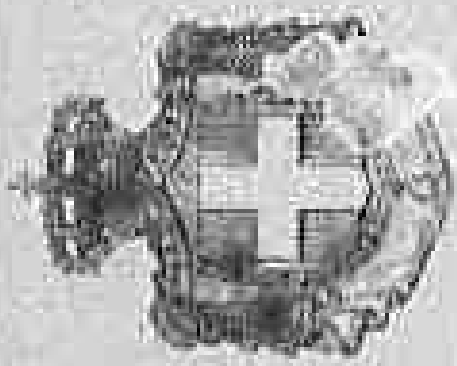
With reference to your enquiry we point out that the supply of Penicillin is not made by this Department, but by UNRRA, to whom requests are forwarded for attention.

For your information ~~the~~ requests from the Military Hospitals have up to now always been met within the limits of possibility, subject to the limited quantities furnished by UNRRA.

for Commissioner

SOLIMENA

P C C
Il Ten Col. Chim. Farn.



Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE DI SANITA' MILITARE

Divisione III^a Sez. CF
Prot. N. 8/2383 MP Allegato 1
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OGGETTO : Penicillina.

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Roma 1 MAR 1946

LA LAND FORCES SUB COMM.
A.C. (MIA)

ROMA

Risposto al Foglio del 11.2.46.
Dir. Sez. N. 4D/142

L'Alto Commissariato per l'Igiene e la Sanità Pubblica, al quale la scrivente si è rivolta per ottenere, d'ora innanzi, una assegnazione regolare di Penicillina, ha risposto con la lettera di cui si trasmette copia dalla quale risulterebbe che le richieste degli Ospedali Militari sono state respinte entro i limiti del possibile.

La scrivente ci tiene a precisare in proposito che, se può essere accaduto che qualche Ospedale Militare periferico si sia rivolto per la Penicillina direttamente a organi sanitari civili, in realtà però nessuna richiesta complessiva è mai stata presentata alla Sanità Pubblica della Sanità Militare, nè per l'Esercito, nè per le altre Forze Armate.

Comunque, sta di fatto che la Sanità Pubblica non è in grado di assumere alcun impegno di regolare rifornimento per l'avvenire, ma si limiterebbe a trasmettere le eventuali richieste all'UNRRA, la quale provvederebbe a sua volta compatibilmente alle proprie scarse disponibilità.

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Lombardi, P.*

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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
ALTO COMMISSARIATO PER L'IGIENE E LA SANITA PUBBLICA

GABINETTO

Roma, 25 febbraio 1946

N. di prot. 66/293

OGGETTO = Assegnazione di penicillina alle Forze Armate.-

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA = DIREZ. GENERA. DI SAN.MIL.
DIVISIONE III - SEZ. CF

Risposta al foglio n; 6/1635/783/MT del 14.2.1946

Con riferimento alla nota succitata si fa presente che le assegnazioni di penicillina non sono fatte da questo Alto Commissariato ma dall'U.N.R.R.A. alla quale vengono segnalate le richieste degli interessati.-

Per quanto riguarda le richieste degli Ospedali militari, quest'ultime sono state sempre esaudite, nei limiti del possibile, data la limitata quantità di penicillina fornita dall'U.N.R.R.A.-

PER L'ALTO COMMISSARIO

SOLIMENA

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Con riferimento alla nota succitata si fa presente che le assegnazioni di penicillina non sono fatte da questo Alto Commissariato ma dall'U.N.R.R.A. alla quale vengono segnalate le richieste degli interessati.-

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PER L'ALTO COMMISSARIO

SOLIMENA

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P. C. C.
IL TEN. COL. CHIMICO FAREL
(dr. S. Guglielminetti)

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Subject: Penicillin

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

ROME

H/LD/142

11 Feb 46

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

Reference your letter No. 6/7657/599 dated 7.2.46.

Will you kindly confirm that penicillin is not available through the Ministero dell'Interno. May a copy of their reply be forwarded to this office please.

H.A. Stephens
H.A. Stephens,
Capt. R.A.M.C.
for D.A.D.M.S.
M.M.I.A.

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Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE DI SANITA' MILITARE

7 FEB 1946
Roma

ALL THE ALLIED FORCES
SUB COMMISSION AC (AMIA)
ROMA

Divisione III^a Leg. CE.
Rel. A. 17687 Allegato

Risposta n. 1 del

Dir. Leg. V.

599
OGGETTO: Penicillina. Penicillin

Medical
Ref letter H/47/3212 dated 27th September
1945, we beg you to kindly propose again
to the Allied Forces H.Q. the problem of
issue of penicillin to the Italian Armed Forces.
Forze Alleate il problema della cessazione di Pe-
nicillina alle Forze Armate Italiane.

Medical Section
Allied Forces Sub Commission
AC (AMIA)

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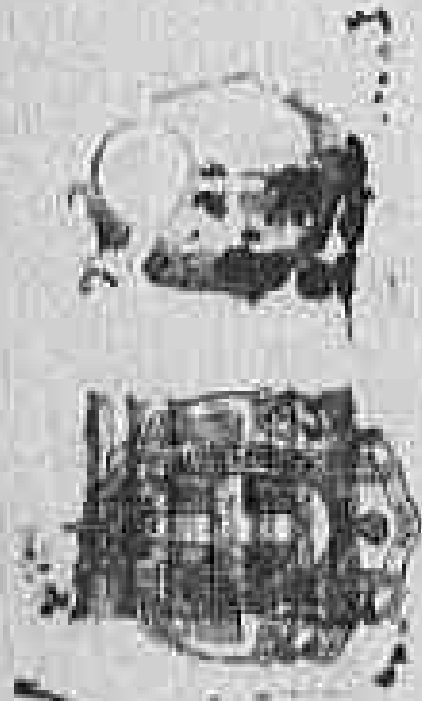
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Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE DI SANITA' MILITARE

Roma, 29 dicembre 1945

ALL LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
(M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

Divisione I^a Sez. 2^a
Prot. N. 2/8643/Allegato

OGGETTO Penicellina - Addestramento per Ufficiali medici Italiani.
Penicellina - Training for Italian M.O.s.
Risposta al Foglio del
Dir. Sez. N. 2

Riferimento f.n. M/A D/3474 del 23/XI/1945.

Per opportuna conoscenza, informasi che la Direzione di Sanità di Usterne, col foglio che si unisce in copia, ha comunicato che il Ten.Colonn.medico s.p.e. MIRABELLA Claudio non è stato ammesso a seguire il corso in oggetto, perchè non conoscitore della lingua inglese.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(St. Padre)

Ref. M/A D/3474 123/11.

Lettera indir. Usterne Mediceal

Per opportuna conoscenza, informasi che la Direzione di Sanità di Udine, col foglio che si unisce in copia, ha comunicato che il Ten.Colonn.medico S.P.E. MIRABELLA Claudio non è stato ammesso a seguire il corso in oggetto, perchè non conoscitore della lingua inglese.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(S. Tadde)

Ref. M/UD/3074 623/11.

For your info, Udine Medical Directorate has informed us, with letter copy attached, that Lt-Col. Mirabella, Claudio, has not been allowed to continue the course in Penetration training because he does not understand and English.

Medical Branch
Land Forces Sub Commission
A. C. (MIA)

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DIREZIONE DI SANITA' MILITARE
DEL COMANDO TERRITORIALE DI UDINE
Uff. Segreteria

n.02/967/Ris di prot.

Udine, 22 dicembre 1945

OGGETTO: Corso addestramento sull'impiego penicillina.

Severino in uso 3 Penicillina

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Direzione Generale di Sanità Militare

R O M A

La Direzione dell'Ospedale Militare di Padova, con foglio 601/2 del 18 corrente, ha informato che il

Ten.Col.Medico MIRABELLA Claudio

presentatosi il mattino del 13 corr.all'Ospedale Inglese n.22 di Mestre per frequentare il corso in oggetto non è stato ammesso a seguire il corso stesso perchè non conoscitore della lingua inglese.

Nessuna comunicazione d'ufficio in proposito è pervenuta dalla Direzione dell'Ospedale Inglese.

Si unisce copia della dichiarazione del Ten.Col.MIRABELLA.

IL COLONNELLO MEDICO DIRETTORE
F/to (I.De Castro)

L. Director of Padovag Hospital

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Ten.Col.Medico MIRABELLA Claudio

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Nessuna comunicazione d'ufficio in proposito è pervenuta dalla Direzione dell'Ospedale Inglese.

Si unisce copia della dichiarazione del Ten.Col.MIRABELLA.

IL COLONNELLO MEDICO DIRETTORE

F/to (I.De Castro)

Per copia conforme:

Il Colonn.Medico Linani A.



The Director of Padua Hospital, with letter 61/7, 9/8th have informed us that Lt Col. Mirabella Claudio presented himself on morning 6/3rd at 12 h. Linani Medico present for attendance at the course in question but has not been allowed to proceed with the course because he does not understand English.

The communication has been received by the Directorate from the Br. 7th Hosp.

We attach a copy of Col. Mirabella's declaration.

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Subject: Courses in the use of Penicillin.

MEDICAL DIRECTORATE

G.H.Q.

C.M.F.

Reference M.3160

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

29 December 1945.

1/40/3469 medical
Reference this Directorate letter M.4450 dated 22 Nov 45.

It has been notified that the Italian surgeons who reported to 65, 92 and 22 (Br) General Hospitals for instruction in the use of Penicillin could not speak or understand English. They have therefore been informed that the course of instruction has been suspended.

Your attention is directed to para 2 of this Directorate a/q letter, and also to M.3050/1 dated 6 Dec 45.

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O.S. W.L. - 1/40/3564
CEV/KWN

h Major-General, D.M.S.

Copy to: D.D.M.S., 3 District (2) Reference your 343 M dated 17 Dec 45.

D.D.M.S., 13 Corps (2) Reference your 8012/9(1)M dated 22 Dec 45.

Land Forces Sub-Commission
A.C.(MMA)

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File Ref

M/40/3457

Date Received

31 Dec 45

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Subject. Instructions in use of Penicillin -
Italian Medical Officers.

HQ. 13 Corps. CMF.
Tel: TRIESTE Auto 29013.
8012/9(1).M.
22 Dec. 45.

ADMS,
Land Forces Sub-Commission,
AG(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

Copy to :- DMS.GHQ.CMF.
ADMS 86 Area.

medical

M/40/469

Reference DMS.GHQ.letter M.4450 dated 22 Nov.45.

The attached letter from OC. 22 Gen.Hosp.
is forwarded for your information. Will you please
ensure that any Italian Surgeons sent to 22 (Br) Gen.
Hosp. for instruction in the use of Penicillin are
fluent in the English language, in accordance with the
instructions laid down in the above quoted letter.

27/12/45.
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W. H. H. H. H.
Medical Branch
Brigadier, Land Forces Sub Commission
DDMS. A. C. (M.M.I.A.)

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28/Dec/45

Subject. Instruction in use of Penicillin-
Italian Medical Officers.

C O P Y.

No. 22(Br) General Hospital,
C.M.F.
Ref :- 81/45.
15 Dec. 45.

A.D.M.S.
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JLT.

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Commanding 22(Br) General Hospital.

*Must differ to the other
who seem to be doing just
well.*

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Subject. Instruction in use of Penicillin-
Italian Medical Officers.

C O P Y.

No. 22(Br) General Hospital,
C.M.F.
Ref :- 81/45.
15 Dec. 45.

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DATESubject:- Penicillin.MEDICAL DEMONSTRATE,
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No. 2 District
" 3 "
Land Forces, Greece.

A.D.M.S., G.C.	D.D.M.S., No. 10 Command Depot Medical Store, Naples.
"	" 2 Base " " Mestre.
"	" 9 " " " Torre del Greco, Naples.
"	" 7 Advanced " " " Kygenfurt.
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A.D.M.S., P.M.O.	Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA) Rome. R.A.P. G.M.P.

The price for British type Penicillin in solution, tablet form, ampoules or vials is 70 shillings per Mega Unit (1,000,000 units).

In the preparation of costed vouchers 3½% abatement plus 12% Freight charges are to be taken into account.

RM/JM.

W. J. Finch.
Major General,
D.D.

Medical Branch
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OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
APO 794 US ARMY

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Subject :- Penicillin and other drugs -
Distribution to civilians.

Ref : Med (Br) 775

ADMS., MMIA.

medical.

Attached for information is copy of a letter from the
Director of Health, UNRRA Italian Mission, regarding the supply of
penicillin and other drugs to Italian civilians.

For the SURGEON :

12 Dec 45.
JRM/hs

J.R. MacLeod
J.R. MACLEOD.,
MAJOR., RAMC.,
DAIMS.

Medical Branch
Land Forces Sub Commission
A. C. (MMIA)

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13 Dec.

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Subject :- Penicillin and other drugs -
Distribution to Civilians.

1. To meet the numerous applications for the supply of Penicillin and other drugs, from Italian civilians the directive issued by UNRRA Italian Mission is reproduced to enable applicants to be informed of the correct manner to obtain supplies.

2. " UNRRA penicillin (and other drugs) is the only supply officially available in Italy for Italian civilian use.

In Rome the High Commissioner for Hygiene and Public Health has arranged for the treatment of Italians in need of penicillin (~~or other drugs~~) in two civilian hospitals. Medical cases are treated at the University Polyclinic under the supervision of Professor Caronia and surgical cases at the Monte Verde Hospital under the supervision of Professor Antonucci.

All requests for penicillin (and other drugs) should be made to the Medical Provinciale between 0900 and 1000 hrs every morning at the offices of the Ministry of Interior, Piazza Viminale, telephone number 489481 during office hours, or at other times at 32194.

UNRRA keep no stocks of penicillin (or other drugs) but release all supplies brought into Italy immediately to the Italian Government "

Signed D.A.REEKIE, Lt.Col.,
Director of Health,
UNRRA Italian Mission.

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Subject : Penicillin - Training of Italian Surgical Officers.

MEDICAL DIRECTORATE,
G.H.Q. G.M.F.

Medical
Ref : M. 3050/1.

6 December 45.

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

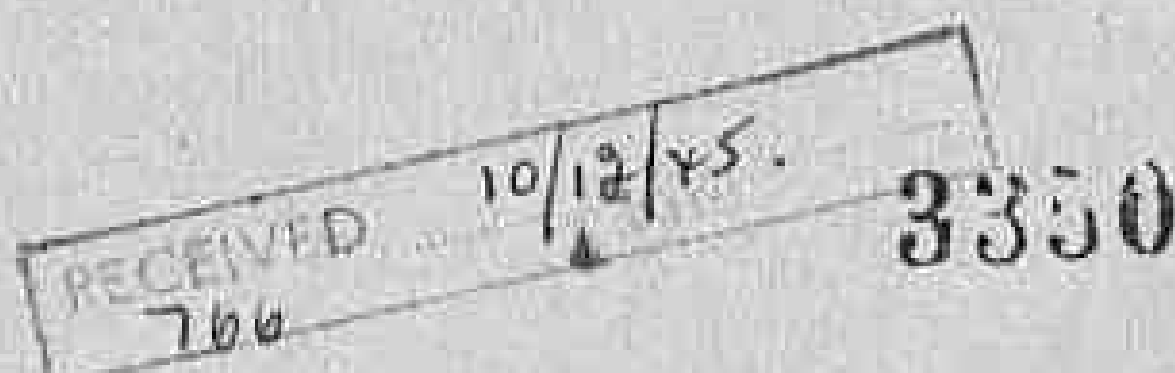
Reference your letter M/4D/3531 dated 3 Dec 45.

It is regretted that agreement to the use of interpreters at the courses cannot be given, since it is felt that tuition by such an arrangement will only result in the Italian students acquiring totally erroneous ideas and impressions.

If it be so that the Italian Army is without three English speaking surgeons, then it is suggested that the Italian Army Medical Services offer these vacancies to their sister services or to Civilian Specialists.

O.S.W./FB.

O.S. Williams
Major-General, D.M.S.



M/4D/3564

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Subject: Penicillin - Training of Italian
Surgical Officers

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

✓ ROMER

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Dec 45

DMS
CHQ. CMF.

Further to your M.4450 of 22 Nov 45, the undermentioned will attend the courses specified in your above quoted letter.

Lt-Col. ROSA, Guido (M.O. Regular Army) of the Military Hospital Naples, for the course at the British Hospital Naples.

Lt-Col. SANFUCOLI, Giovanni (M.O. Regular Army) of the Military Hospital Naples, for the course at the British Hospital Caserta.

Lt-Col. MURABELLA, Claudio (M.O. Regular Army) of the Military Hospital Padova, for the course at the British Hospital Mestre.

It is wished to point out that it has not been possible to find three suitable Italian military surgeons who speak fluent English. The Director-General Italian Medical Services has been requested therefore to make every effort to provide interpreters for each of these officers.

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Will you please confirm that this arrangement will be satisfactory, as soon as possible.

DM

Lieut-Col.
A.D.M.S.
AC. (MIA)

Land Forces Sub Comm.

/RKG

Translation

Ref. 2/79521/R

Date 30/II/45

From M.O. W.

To M.M.I.A.

Subject Pencillin - Training for Italian M.O's.

Ref. letter M/4D/3474 dated 23/II/45.

- 1° - There are no English speaking surgical M.O's available, we are therefore compelled to nominate personnel who are not in possession of this knowledge for the above training course.
- 2) - We nominate the following surgical M.O's.
- Lt.Col. ROSA Guido M.O. reg.army of the Military Hospital Naples for the course at the British Hospital Naples.
 - Lt.Col. SANTUCCI Giuseppe M.O. reg.army of the Military Hospital Naples - for the course at the British Hospital Caserta.
 - Lt.Col. MIRABELLA Claudio M.O. Reg.army of the Military Hospital Padova - for the course at the British hospital Mestre.
- 3° - Before issuing orders for the nominated officers to report, we would like your approval.

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DAK

P.Santoli.

M/4D/3527

Subject: Penicillin - Training of Italian
Medical Officers

Land Forces Sub Comm.

A.G. (MILIA)

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Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanità Militare

GM have agreed to undertake the instruction of three Italian surgeons in the use of Penicillin, and have requested that these officers should be specialist surgeons fluent in the English language.

Arrangements should be made by you for these officers to be accompanied with Italian units, one each in Mestre, Caserta and Naples and to visit 22, 65 and 92 (Br) General Hospitals for six weeks daily instruction, commencing on 13 December 1945.

Apart from instructions in the use of penicillin, these officers will have the opportunity of being shown other modern developments in British surgery.

Will you please confirm that the above arrangements are satisfactory and forward particulars of the three officers selected to this office as soon as possible.

It should be noted that, in accordance with this H.O. 6/7 of 8 Nov 45 to the Ministry of War, supplies of penicillin should be obtained through the civil imports

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K. J. J. J.

Lieut-Col.
A. D. M. S.
Lead Forces Sub Comm. AG. (MIL.)

/MBG

Subject:- Instruction in use of Penicillin -
Italian Medical Officers.

MEDICAL DIRECTORATE.
GHQ. CMT.

Med.
M.4450.
22 Nov 45.

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

Reference your M/4D/3234 dated 29 Sept 45.

It is agreed that instruction in the use of Penicillin should be given to three Italian Surgeons who will then, when supplies become available, be able to pass on the instruction to other Italian medical Officers as found necessary.

The Officers selected should be Specialist Surgeons and must be fluent in the English language.

Arrangements should be made for them to be accommodated with Italian Units, one each in Mestre, in Caserta and in Naples, and to visit 22, 65 and 92 General Hospitals for instruction daily for a period of six weeks under the direction of the Officer i/c Surgical Division. Instruction should start on 13 Dec 45.

It is requested that the particulars of the Officers selected for each place be notified as soon as possible.

FJE/JH.

J. T. Parker
for Major General,
IMS.

Copy to:- DDMS. 13 Corps.
 DDMS. 3 District.

} Although instruction in the Surgical use of Penicillin is the main object of these attachments the opportunity should be taken of demonstrating any other modern developments in Surgery.

A report on the Italian Officers' progress should be prepared by Officer i/c Divisions concerned and forwarded to this Directorate at the conclusion of the attachment.

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M/4D/3469

Subject: Penicillin for Italian
Military Patients

Land Forces Sub Comm.

A.C. (MIA)

RCSM

M/4D/31.31.

Nov 45

D.C.

104. General Hosp.

C.S.P.

Sold. TOGONI, Vincenzo

On the understanding that authority has been given for a British surgeon to see Italian military personnel with a view to administration of penicillin where lack of the drug may be responsible for loss of life, it is requested that this service please be accorded as soon as possible to the a/n soldier who is a patient in the Virgilio Hospital, Rome.

The patient has high fever resulting from a perforation with peritonitis and it is understood that treatment with penicillin has already been commenced with a small quantity of the drug purchased at an outrageous price on the black market.

Moy 3345

Lieut-Col.

A.D.M.S.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MIA)

/RBG

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Subject: Pericillin - Training of
Italian A.C.

Land Forces Sub Comm.

A.C. (MIA)

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1/11/45

Nov 45

1945

CH. C.F.

Reference this office 1/42/323, dated
29 Sept. 45.

May this office please be informed as
to the possibilities of training Italian A.C.
as suggested in above quoted letter.

1/11/45

Lieut-Col.

A.C. (MIA)

/REC

Land Forces Sub Comm.

A.C. (MIA)

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Subject:- Penicillin.

MEDICAL DIRECTORATE.
GHQ. C.F.

M.4450.
1 November 45.

AFMS,
Land Forces Sub Commission,
AC, (MMIA),
ROME.

medical

Reference your M/4D/3367 of 29 October 45.

The cost is not known at this office, the War Office have been requested to give this information and their reply is still awaited.

RAM/GHW.

R.H. Smith
Major
for Major General,
DMS.

RIA
M/4D/3393
3343

Translation

From: Me of W

Ref. No. 6/8367/MT

To: Medical Directories of
Territorial Military Commands
MMIA, for information.

Date: Oct. 30, 1945

Subject: Penicillin.

Having approached MMIA once more concerning the possibility of obtaining allotments of penicillin, we were informed that it is not yet possible to supply the Italian Army because of the insufficiency of the amounts at the disposal of the Allied Forces themselves.

The Mission, however, suggests that for cases in which penicillin is indispensable same be obtained from civilian hospitals supplied by UNRRA, while in cases of greater urgency and seriousness in which the life of a soldier is actually at stake, the Mission authorizes that neighboring Allied military hospitals be approached, which - if possible - will furnish aid immediately.

The above Directories are requested to bring the foregoing to the attention of the medical organizations under their command.

Col. to Col

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stressing the above-mentioned limitations concerning
the seriousness of the various cases.

Signed: S. Fadda

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ROGERS AREA MILITARY COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON
APO 794 US ARMY

Subject: PENICILLINRef: Med(Br) 775DEMS 3 DistrictCopy to: ADMS DEMIA*Medical*

Requests are still being received in this office for the issue of Penicillin to Italian hospitals, civil and military. Information has been received from ISSRA that they supply a certain amount of penicillin monthly to the Italian Government for Italian civilian use, and it has been assumed that this supply is also available for Italian military use.

On 23 Oct, having received an urgent request for this drug from the A.D.M.S., M.M.I.A., for use in an Italian Military Hospital, 3 District were asked by telephone for advice. Later that evening, a message was received that sanction had been given by CHQ OMF to issue the required Penicillin, provided the case was first seen by a British Surgical Specialist and his recommendation obtained. This was carried out, and the penicillin was issued.

It would be much appreciated if the policy to be followed in future could be laid down to avoid embarrassment.

[Signature]
G.T. GARLAWAY,
COLONEL,
SURGEON

3341

30 Oct 45
GTG/AMH

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Subject: Penicillin

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MILA)
ROME
M/4D/3371

29 Oct 45

MEM
OFF. OF.

May this office please be informed
as to the price of the undermentioned item, in
order that a charge may be made against the Italian
Government.

Sodium Penicillin salt 0.8 Mega units


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

/RBC

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785020

Subject: Penicillin

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

ROME

14/23/5367

19 Oct 45

DMS
CHQ. CMF.

May this office please be informed as to the value of 500,000 units of Penicillin, in order that a charge may be made against the Italian Government.


A. E. J. Cooper,
Staff Capt.

for A.D.H.S.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (MIA)

/RSG

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Subject: Penicillin - Italian Army

Land Forces Sub Com.
A.C. (MIA)
ROME
M/4D/3314

Oct 45
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My Dear

In reply to your letter of 11 October, I am sorry to have to inform you that supplies of penicillin are very limited, even as far as the Allied armies are concerned.

A very small quantity is being supplied through UNRRA to Italian Civil Hospitals for very urgent cases, but this is insufficient for general treatment.

The matter of supplies for the Italian Army has already been taken up, and is being pursued further, but as there is yet no promise of increased supplies becoming available, I cannot guarantee any immediate improvement in the situation.

I can only suggest that cases, for which penicillin is considered essential, should be treated by Italian civilian hospitals. As in the past, urgent cases may, for the preservation of life, be referred to the nearest Allied Military Hospital, who would help, if possible.

Meanwhile we are, as you know, arranging for Italian Army medical personnel to be trained in the uses and abuses of penicillin against the time when supplies become available.

Yours

Sp. (L.B.)
Major General
M. M. L. A.

Cap 3338
Am. 106
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IL MINISTRO DELLA GUERRA

Rome, Oct. 11 th, 1945

My dear General,

we have been informed by A.D.M.S. of M.M.I.A. that penicillin will not be available for the Italian Armed Forces for at least three months.

I find this news rather disquieting, in view of the fact that the civilian population of Italy are receiving quantities of penicillin through UNRRA, and I am afraid that this state of affairs may cause considerable discontent in the Armed Forces: at the present moment, in effect, an Italian military patient can die for the lack of penicillin.

I appreciate that there is a shortage of penicillin, but I would be grateful if you would consider this situation.

I would request that, if possible, in case of emergency confirmed by an allied specialist, Italian military patients could be admitted to the nearest British military hospital for the necessary treatment with penicillin.

With kindest regards, I am, dear General,
yours sincerely

(Stefano Jacini)

To
Major General L. Browning,
C.B. O.B.E. M.C.
HQ, MMIA, A.C.
Rome

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418202

ADMS
 If you agree please have following reply
 typed & CO.C. signature - give to me
 when ready. WP
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 when supplies become available.

Yours

(5) Treatment of Italian military personnel has taken place in the past in Allied medical units, and penicillin has been used if necessary on these patients. I do not consider AFHQ would agree to all Italian military personnel in need of treatment with penicillin being admitted to Allied units or treated by Allied doctors.

(6) Can only suggest for the present that military cases considered to be in need of penicillin & who can get no unofficial help from Allied units, should be able to make use of the civilian hospital facilities. Such are already being supplied.

3335
J. J. J.

① From the British standpoint, penicillin is still in very short supply, - even for civilians at home.

② Owing to the cessation of lend lease, AFHQ will not consider further commitments for the moment.

③ Supplies of medical stores for the Italian civilian population are made through UNRRA, almost entirely from American sources. These supplies include very large quantities of Penicillin.

④ The Italian medicals have not yet been trained in the therapeutic and medical uses of Penicillin. AFHQ have been asked to make such facilities available.

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Subject: Penicillin

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

ROME

✓ W/LV/303

29 Sept. 15

LMC 1270

Further to this office letter W/LV/3160 of 18th Sept.
and your reply thereto W/LV/3200 of 22nd. Sept.

Although the supply of Penicillin is not to be
considered for another 3 months, it is requested that three
senior Medical Officers of the Italian Army maybe instructed
in the handling of the uses and abuses thereof as outlined in
the final paragraph of the above-quoted letter.

[Signature]
Capt
Lt. Col.
A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Com. AC. (MIA)

/ASL.

3334

Subject: Penicillin

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

BYMS

WJF 3212

27 Sept. 45

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

Reference recent conference between
General Badia and Lieut.-Col. Nolan.

It is regretted that Penicillin cannot
for the present be supplied to the Italian Armed
Forces, due to extreme shortage.

Allied Force Headquarters have however,
intimated that the matter should be brought up again
in three months time, when the decision will be
reconsidered.



A.W.J. Cooper,
Staff Capt.
for A.C. (MIA)

/AJV

Head Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MIA)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

OFFICE OF THE SURGEON

Subject : Penicillin - Italian Army.

Reference: M. 4450

CONFIDENTIAL

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

MED.

Reference your M/4D/3160 dated 18 Sept 45.

It is regretted that, consequent upon the changed policy regarding Lend Lease arrangements as it affects Penicillin supplies, it is not possible to consider allocation of supplies of this preparation to the Medical Services of the Italian Interim Army.

Penicillin is at present in limited supply and no new commitments can be undertaken at the moment. It is suggested that the matter should be raised again in three months time.

22 Sep 45
FJF/CK.

J. T. Fowler Col
for Major-General,
SURGEON, D.M.S.

M/4D/3192

Bf. 20th December
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Subject: Penicillin

Land Forces Sub Comm.

A.C. (MIA)

RCSE

H/AD/3160

18 Sept. 45

DMS A-113

Penicillin is not an official medical supply for the Italian Army, if it is required it is either obtained as a favour through the Ministry of the Interior, who obtain it from USRA or else it is bought in the Black Market.

This office is interested in the formation of the Medical Services for the Italian Interior Army, and it is felt that there should be an official way of procuring Penicillin, especially as it is now available to the civilian population.

General Fadda, the Director General of Italian Medical Services, would be prepared to set up Penicillin centres at the Principal Territorial Military Hospitals at Naples, Rome and Milan, each would be commanded by a Major, and it would only be issued for use in these hospitals, where it would be under his control.

If the supply of Penicillin is approved for the Italian Army it is recommended that the three Majors selected to be in charge of the centres be thoroughly instructed in the uses and abuses of Penicillin therapy in a British Military Hospital, by arrangement with the C.C. Penicillin team, otherwise a considerable quantity is likely to be wasted by giving it to inevitable cases through lack of experience.

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J. E. Holman

Lt-Col.

A.D.N.S.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MIA)

/ASP.

785020

Subject Medical Supplies

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

ROME

W/L/3230

29 Sept. 45

90 BLU

Ref your A/S of 29th September 1945 (Copies to 217 Area and 2 District)

Penicillin

AFHQ has ruled that owing to extreme shortage, Penicillin may not be issued to the Italian Armed Forces, but they are prepared to reconsider the decision in three months time i.e. about 20th Dec.

M & B

The War Office, London stated that M & B was no longer available. Since that ruling (February 1945) Sulphathiazole Tablets have been substituted for all demands for M & B.

There is no shortage of this drug in the Italian Armed Forces, and the question of distribution is being taken up with the War Ministry.

/AJP

Lt-Col.
A.D.M.C.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MIA)

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Copy to :- 217 Area
2 District

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No.

785020

SUBJECT: Medical Supplies.

50 British Liaison Unit

MMIA

A/8

Copy to: 217 Area
2 District

27 SEP 45

MED

It is of course understood that the ITALIAN Government are responsible for providing all medical supplies for Combat Groups.

Cases are however occurring regularly in this Group of men dying unnecessarily for lack of such drugs as PENCILLIN or "M and B".

In one recent case a man's life was saved by the personal insistence of an ITALIAN Welfare Officer who eventually obtained PENCILLIN from a GERMAN hospital.

May any possible steps please be taken to see that the ITALIAN Government possess and supply to their Hospitals suitable drugs, and obviate an entirely avoidable wastage of lives ?.

CMF
ARCS/RJE

M/4/3229

W. J. G. Smith
Lt Col
GS

3329

Subject: Calf Lymph

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MCLA)
ROME
M/AD/1391

18
29 March 45

O.C.
7 Adv. Depot Medical Stores

The attached L.V./570 is forwarded.

For your information, calf lymph is not required from Allied sources for Italian troops as sufficient quantities are manufactured locally for this purpose and is readily available at short notice.

The reason for this particular demand is being taken up with DMS 8th Army.



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

/EDG

Copy to: DMS 8th Army - ref conversation your DMS with 3328
S/Capt. (M) L.A.L.A.

Subject: Typhus Vaccine

Lend Forces Sub Comd
A.C. (MSTA)

RGHE

M/D/277

8 Dec 44

DEB AMQ

Reference your M 4133 dated 5 December 44.

It is confirmed that the final consignment of typhus vaccine was received at Exanto less deficiencies for which "write-off" action has been initiated by O.C. 10 Command Medical Stores.

It is also confirmed that all existing stocks have been issued down to units and a further 300,000 cos are required to complete the inoculation of the entire Italian Armed Forces.

/REC


Major,
D.A.D.M.S.
Lend Forces Sub Comd, AC. (MSTA)

3327

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON

Subject : Indent - Typhus Vaccine.

Reference M. 4133.

To : D.A.D.M.S.,
Army Sub-Commission,
M.M.I.A., ROME.

Reference your M/4D/2427 of 2 Dec 44, forwarding indent of same date for 300,000 doses of Anti-Typhus Vaccine.

Will you please note that the final consignment of the 1,275,000 c.c.s. of Anti-Typhus Vaccine (Durand Type) as obtained from the Pasteur Institute Algiers, was issued to the Italian Central Depot of Medical Stores from No.10 Command Depot of Medical Stores on 21 Sept 44.

O.C., No.10 Command Depot of Medical Stores letter No. CMS/4/44 of 21 Sept 44 to you (copy to this office) has reference.

As this was obtained at your request for the protection of the Italian Armed Forces, will you confirm that the whole of this stock has been used and that a further 300,000 doses of this vaccine is still required.

5 Dec 44.
RAM/LFW.

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

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M/4D/2414

Subject: Typhus Vaccine

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
ROME
M/4D/1441
24 July 44

Ministero della Guerra,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

Reference attached copy of letter received
from DMS., AAI.

1. DMS AAI decision is that this consignment
of typhus vaccine must be accepted.

2. Properly kept at low temperature this
vaccine will retain potency up to 12 months.

/RBG

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

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SUBJECT:- Typhus Vaccine.

H.Q., A.A.I., CEF.
Ext. 519.
3633 M.

// Jul '44.

Army Sub Commission, ACG, ✓
Main H.Q. (MHA),
Leguile (Lecce)

recd.
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Copy to:- D.M.S., A.P.H.Q. (Reference your M.4135 of 4 Jul '44).
File: 4061 M.

With reference to your No. M/40/1289 dated 26 Jun '44.

1. The final consignment of the 1,275,000 cos. Typhus Vaccine was shipped to the Command Medical Store on 14 Jun '44 for issue to the Italian Armed Forces.
2. The consignment was ordered in accordance with the instructions contained in your No. M/4/560 of 24 Mar. '44.
3. The French Financial Authorities have paid the bill and regard the amount as owing to them by the Italian Government. This H.Q. memorandum No. 3633 M. of 17 Jun '44 refers. Under these circumstances, it is regretted that the suggestion put forward in para. 3 (b) of your letter referred to in para. 1 above cannot be considered.
4. Will you please convey this decision to the Ministero della Guerra, Direzione Sanita.

W.L. Spencer

(W.L. SPENCER CCG), Colonel.
A.D.M.S. (A.P.H.),
for Major-General,
D.M.S., A.A.I.

FJD/PP.

*W.L. H.
19/7/44 H.C.*

Return to me

M/40/1398

Subject: Typhus Vaccine

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
 State H.Q. (MIA)
 EQUILLA (LECOE)
 9/4D/1233

26 June 44

DMS

HQ AAI

Copy to: Ministero della Guerra, Direzione Sanita

1. Reference your 3633 M of 11 June and further by L/4D/1243 of 21 June 44, copy to AAI. Attached is a translation of a letter received from Medical Directorate, Italian Ministry of War.

2. It would appear that for economical and other reasons they do not wish to accept delivery of so large an amount of typhus vaccine. Below is a list of letters, copies of which are held at AAI, written on this subject.

AAI 3621 M of 20 Jan 44
 MIA L/4/253 of 24 Jan 44
 AAI 3633 M of 28 Jan 44
 MIA L/4/327 of 4 Feb 44
 AAI 3633 M of 20 March 44
 MIA L/4/360 of 24 March 44
 AAI 3635 M of 25 April 44 (with copy of AFHQ letter 4527 of 5 April 44)

On 3 May 44 DADUS MIA visited AAI and informed S/Capt and ADM AAI that Italians did not wish to accept 1,275,000 can and only required about 40,000 ^{Now} and 80,000 in Oct. 44.

MIA L/4/352 of 22 May 44
 MIA L/4/1078 of 3 June 44
 AAI 3633 M of 17 June 44 (with copy of AFHQ letter 4133 of 10 June 44)

are held at AAI, written on this subject.

AAI 3821 M of 20 Jan 44
MIA 1/4/356 of 20 Jan 44
AAI 3633 M of 28 Jan 44
MIA 1/4/327 of 1 Feb 44
AAI 3833 M of 20 March 44
MIA 1/4/360 of 24 March 44
AAI 3633 M of 25 April 44

(with copy of AFHQ letter 4577 of 5 April 44)

On 3 May 44 DADMS MIA visited AAI and informed S/Capt and ADH AAI that Italians did not wish to accept 1,375,000 ccs and only required about 40,000 ^{new} and 80,000 in Oct. 44.

MIA 1/4/382 of 22 May 44
MIA 1/4/1078 of 3 June 44
AAI 3633 M of 17 June 44

(with copy of AFHQ letter 4138 of 10 June 44)

MIA 1/4D/1243 of 21 June.

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3. The following alternative solution ^{are} are suggested:-

(a) Direct orders be issued to Italian Armed Forces that all Italian troops will be protected against typhus and inoculations carried out forthwith.

(b) Issue only the amounts requested i.e. 40,000 ccs now and 80,000 ccs in Oct 44 and keep the remainder for use of our own troops or civilians in Italy or the Balkans.

The latter suggestion is considered preferable.

May further instructions be given please.

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/RMG

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

TRANSMISSION

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale di Sanità Militare

Ref: 6/1352/Mt

24 June 44

Subject: Anti-typhus vaccine

Reference your M/4D/1243 of 21 June 44.

As for the offer of 1,275,000 ccs of anti typhus vaccine please note that Medical Colonel POLISSA of this Directorate General, since May 1 has declared that the purchase of such a great quantity of vaccine is not desirable for economic reasons (the cost is 34 million Italian Lire) and because our policy is to vaccinate only operating troops or troops situated in infected zones and all medical personnel (doctors, medical orderlies etc.)

A written reply was only later verbally asked for by MILIA (if we are not mistaken, around the 12th or 14th May). We replied on May 24th to your reminder of May 22 and we confirmed that we did not intend to purchase such a vast quantity of vaccine.

This Directorate has clearly and repeatedly expressed its own point of view on the matter and therefore we believe that a purchase which is unnecessary and burdensome for the administration of the State, should not be made.

We would be very grateful if you would bring the above to the attention of the Allied Authorities; we are convinced that they would not force a purchase which has not been requested and which is considered unnecessary.

Our true requirements, following the latest reports from Campania, is that which was reported by MILIA with its letter M/4D/1078 of June 3, addressed to DIS AAI and to us for information. We beg you therefore to give course to a supply limited to that quantity reported in above letter.

In the meantime we would like to express our

3. This Directorate has clearly and repeatedly expressed its own point of view on the matter and therefore we believe that a purchase which is unnecessary and burdensome for the administration of the State, should not be made.

4. We would be very grateful if you would bring the above to the attention of the Allied Authorities; we are convinced that they would not force a purchase which has not been requested and which is considered unnecessary.

5. Our true requirements, following the latest reports from Campania, is that which was reported by MIA with its letter W/4D/1078 of June 3, addressed to D'S AAI and to us for information. We beg you therefore to give course to a supply limited to that quantity reported in above letter.

6. In the meantime we would like to express our appreciation of the prompt assignment by the Allies during the typhus epidemic in Campania, of anti-typhus vaccine that we believed necessary for the vaccination of our troops located there.

(signed) IN DIRECTOR GENERAL
F. Caldarola

W/UD/1285

Subject: Typhus Vaccine

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILL (LECOR)
M/4D/1243

2/ June 44

Ministero della Guerra,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare.

Copy to: DMS HQ AAI

Ministero della Guerra, Medical Directorate
were informed on 1 May of proposed allocation of
1,275,000 ccs of typhus vaccine.

It was at that time stated that for various
reasons you did not require so large an amount.
Confirmation in writing was requested. This office letter
M/4/982 of 22 May was sent as a reminder that no letter had
yet been received. Information was received in your letter
6/1034/Mt of 24 May and 6/1072/Mt of 30 May 44. This
was forwarded to AAI on 3 June 44.

Meanwhile the vaccine had been prepared
and is now being shipped to you.

It was therefore not possible to cancel in
time the preparation of this vaccine (1,275,000 ccs) and
in view of this it is suggested that delivery be accepted.
The cost is, as previously stated, £31,250.

/REG

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

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Subject:- Typhus Vaccine.

HQ., AAI., CMF.,
Ext. 320.
3633 M.

17 Jun. 44.

DADMS., Army Sub Commission, ACC.

Reference your M/4/1078 dated 3 Jun. 44.

1. Copy of AFHQ. letter is forwarded.
2. The order was put through in April as notified to you in this HQ. 3633 M. dated 25 Apr. 44. It is too late now to cancel this order.

H. Wheeler

for Major-General,
D.M.S., A.A.I.

HLS/DIE.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON

COPY.

Subject:- Supplies to Italians - Vaccines.

Ref:- M.4133.

DMS., AAI.

Reference your 3633 M dated 7 Jun. 44.

The consignment of 1,275,000 c.c. of Typhus Vaccine has already been obtained from the Pasteur Institute and has been paid for. The final portion is now awaiting shipment from No. 9 B.D.M. Store to ACC.

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

10 Jun. 44.
RAM/AW.

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Army Sub Commission, A.O.C.
Maj. H.C. (M.L.L.A.)
Maj. H.C. (M.L.L.A.)
M/4/1073

3 June 44

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Copy to: Ministry of the Interior, Direzione Sanita. (ref your
6/1073/it and 6/1072/it of 24 and 30 May 44.)

Reference your 5633 H of 25 April 44 with
attached copy of AMHQ H. 4527 of 5 April 44.

1. Italian medical authorities have stated that
they do not wish to accept delivery of so large an amount of
anti-typhus vaccine, i.e. 1,275,000 ccs at a cost of £21,350.

2. Italian medical policy is to vaccinate
operational troops, medical personnel and troops in infected areas.
The following amounts are required,

Now	40,000	ccs
By 1 Oct 44.	80,000	"

3. May this information be passed to AMHQ in
order to avoid unnecessary preparations of typhus vaccine.

W. C. H.
Major, H.A.M.C.
D.A.M.S.
Army Sub Commission, AMO.

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Re: Anti Venereal Disease

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main R.O. (N.H.I.A.)
LIVIN (LIVIN)
W/L/06

11 May 44

Ministero della Guerra,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare.

A further 10 doses of anti-venereal serum has
been requested for use of British G.I. locally.

It would be appreciated if you could release
this serum from your Depot in Bari to C.O. 4 Base Depot Medical
Stores, who will forward to C.O. 1 Adv. Depot Medical Stores.

[Signature]
Major, R.A.M.C.
R.A.M.C.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

Copy to: R.S. 111
R.S. 111
C.O. 4 R.A.M.C.
C.O. 1 Adv. R.A.M.C.

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Subject:- Anti venom.

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HQ AAI CMF.
Ext. 323.
4064 M.

6 May 44.

D.A.D.M.S., A.B.C., A.C.C.(MMIA). ✓

Copy to:- D.D.M.S., 1 District.
O.C., 1 Adv. Depot Medical Stores.

It would be very much appreciated if you could supply
a further 10 doses of anti venom against Italian snakes, to
No. 1 Adv. Depot Medical Stores, for distribution to medical
units in No. 1 District.

Downes

(F.J. DOWNES),
Staff Captain,
for Brigadier,
D.D.M.S., A.A.I.

FJD.

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