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MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS

NOV. 1943 - NOV. 1944

SUBJECT:- Italian Field Hospitals.

HQ. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

Tel:- FILPOT 323.

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8 Nov. 44.

DAMES.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C. (AMIA).

Copy to:- DES. AFHQ.

"A", HQ. AAI.

G (SD), HQ. AAI.

With copies of correspondence under reference.

Reference your letter M/5/2171 dated 4 Nov. 44.

1. It is agreed that No. 92 Italian Field Hospital remain assigned to A.M.G., Eighth Army in view of the strong arguments put forward for its retention in Rear A.M.G. Eighth Army letter OA/17 dated 29 Oct. 44.
2. The provision of the additional Field Hospital for Eighth Army has been reviewed and it is agreed that No. 229 Italian Field Hospital be allocated as you suggest.
3. It is requested that your proposal be submitted through Staff channels to this H.Q. for agreement, so that the move of the unit to under command Eighth Army may be ordered and instructions for formation on the British W.E. issued as soon as possible.
4. Regarding the provision of the last Field Hospital for the Adm. 'tail', it is considered that the position should be reviewed in a month's time when the requirements of Field Hospitals for British employed Italian Troops may have changed.
5. In order to release No. 964 Field Hospital, it is suggested that the possibility be investigated of using a civilian hospital or a part thereof in the PRATO Area for the Italian troops concerned. Reference sub-para. 2(b) of your letter, please note that No. 964 Field Hospital is for Fifth (US) Army and NOT No. 1 District as stated. The note in parentheses opposite "1 District" in sub-para. 5(b) does not therefore apply.

ACTION MMIA
SD to
request
AAI clearance
d. l. order.

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3. It is requested that your proposal be submitted through Staff channels to this H.Q. for agreement, so that the move of the unit to under command Eighth Army may be ordered and instructions for formation on the British W.E. issued as soon as possible.

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~~Return to D.M.S.~~

Silene maritima

Major-General,
D.M.S., MAA.I.

27/5/2233

ACTION MMIA
SD to
request
AAI approved
d inv. order.

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Subject: Employment of 92 Italian Field Hospital

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MIA)
ROME
M/5/2235
10 Nov 44

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Mil.

1. The AAI have decided that 92 Military Field Hospital will for the present remain with AMG 8th Army in view of the useful work at present being rendered to civil and military cases and in the control of V.D.

2. As No 31 Italian Red Cross Hospital will not now be required by AMG 8th Army, it may be returned to the Italian Red Cross.

3. It is suggested that the No 31 C.R.L. Hospital together with No 21 and No 82 could be usefully employed in rendering medical attention to refugees returning from Greece and the Balkans.

/RGG

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

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Subject: Military Hospitals - Campania

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Mil.

Local Forces San Corps
A.C. (MILA)
RMS
2/2/2230
10 Nov 44

1. The following information on hospital strength in Campania has been received from MILA L. 3, Naples:

INSTITUTION	Beds Available	LOCATION	M. R. ALL HAND	REMARKS
Hospedero di Sanita		Naples	12	8
Previsione di Sanita		"	25	6
Corp. Mil. Principale	820	Mediolani	596	185
" " di Caserta	632	Pugni	237	236
" " " Pagani	600	Aversa	205	67
" " " Aversa	205	Pomigli	18	51
" " " Pomigli	63		32	25
Uscio di Ric. (MILIA)		Naples	203	706
8 Corp. (MILA)				
1) Osp. S. M. G. M. Naples	320	Naples	7	43
" Villa Russo Naples	600	"	X	
" " " S. Giorgio		"	X	
" " " S. Giovanni	100	"	X	
R. Clinica Univ. di Napoli	90	Ischia		24
Convalescenziario di Ischia	75			
2) Osp. Bella Arti	300	Naples		30
X Osp. Disinfettori		"		12

Notes: (1) This hospital is operated by military personnel, enter 3951
your 10/7 of 12 Oct 44.
(2) This hospital is in the process of organization and will be able
to accommodate 800 beds, when in operation.

2. (a) In respect of the authorized hospitals it is thought that a list of hospitals has been

	706	43	24	30	43
1) Cap S.M. G.M. Naples	200	?	?	?	?
" Villa Russo Naples		?	?	?	?
" "Cotugno" S. Giorgio		?	?	?	?
" a Genova		?	?	?	?
R. Cliniche Universitarie		?	?	?	?
Convalescenziario di Lechia 75		?	?	?	?
2) Cap. Belle Arti		?	?	?	?
X Sec. Disinfezioni		?	?	?	?

Notes: (1) This hospital is operated by military personnel, contrary to the law.

(2) This hospital is in the process of organization and will be able to accommodate 800 beds, when in operation.

2. (a) In respect of the authorized hospitals it is thought that a mistake has been made in rendering the strength returns of the Principal hospital and that of the Naples di Reserve. Please investigate and confirm present strength.

(b) S.M. G.M. Naples is stated to be operated by military personnel. Is there is no authority for military returns for the staff of this hospital, any military personnel working there will be withdrawn. If, on the other hand, G.M. L. personnel are clothed in military uniforms, immediate orders will be issued to convert them with the instruction published in MIA letter AG/8 of 5 Aug 44, very attached for every reference.

(c) There is no authority for a military convalescent depot or staff at Naples. Please apply for official sanction or arrange to disband this convalescent depot.

(d) If it is necessary to open Belle Arti as a military hospital please apply to MIA in order that it may be regularized.

(e) X Section Disinfection - It is understood that the strength of any part of the Hygiene Section is held against the M.E. of the Principal Hospital.

MAIR Lp. Luv in AG/7 N° 362.

12/11/44

Major
D.A.D. L. G. M.

Land Forces HQ Gen. AG. (MIA)

Copy to: MIA L.O. Naples - Ref your letter 051/43 of 5 Nov 44.

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME

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From: MMIA

To: FREEDOM

Rpts: DISTHREE EAST - 52 AREA - 54 AREA

CONFIDENTIAL

AQ 2150

FOR Q MAINT AND GEORGE FIVE (.) SUBJECT IS ITALIAN SOLDIERS RETURNING TARANTO
FROM GREECE (.) REQUEST CONFIRMATION THAT SCALE 30 RATIONS MAY BE ISSUED TO
PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS DURING THE TIME THE CAMP IS OPEN (.) WHEN CAMP CLOSES
PATIENTS REVERT TO NORMAL CIVIL HOSPITAL SCALE (.) AM MAKING ADEQUATE
ARRANGEMENTS TO ENSURE RATIONS REACH ONLY CORRECT PERSONNEL (.) 52 and 54 AREAS
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Subject: Medic (Attention for Refuges on Arr.)

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.L.I.A.)

RMS

11/3/2203

7 Nov 44

Ministry of War,
Direction Gen. di Sanita Mil.

1. On 11th November 44, approximately 5,700 military refugees will arrive at Taranto in two ships each carrying 3,700 and 2,000 respectively.

Detailed arrangements for medical examination, disinfection etc. on arrival, are being made by the Allied authorities at the Reception Camp in Taranto.

Serious medical cases will however be hospitalised in "over 30 day" or Italian military hospitals. It is expected that 5%, i.e. 280 - 300 may require to be admitted.

2. Ministry of War will arrange to make these numbers of hospital beds available in the Taranto area and be prepared to render all medical attention to those admitted to hospital.

3. It is suggested that the Italian Red Cross be asked to give every assistance on the welfare aspect of the organisation at the Reception Camp in Taranto.

/RSG

Copy to: Public Health Sub Comm. AG.
M & AG (Internal)

[Signature]
Major,
D. A. D. M. S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (M.L.I.A.)

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject: Supplies to Italian Armed Forces.

1D/266/M.
4 Nov 44.

ADAMS 55 Area
61 Area
71 Sub Area

DAIMS MMIA, HQ. ACC., ROME. ✓
Liaison Officer MMIA, No 1 District.

The attached notes on medical arrangements for
the Italian Armed Forces are forwarded for information,
and future guidance.

OMF.
OAB.

Bo Zitcher / Capt
for Colonel,
DDMS. No 1 District.

Good.

*Walt
8/11/44*

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PART I

The following extracts from MILIA Administrative Instruction No 12, dated 12 Oct 44 are published for information.

1. Classification of Italian Armed Forces.

The Italian Armed Forces are divided into three classifications:-

- (1) Italian Armed Forces under British Command = BR-IFI
- (2) Italian Armed Forces under United States Command = US-IFI
- (3) Italian Armed Forces under the command of the
Mediterranean Command through the Italian Government = IFI-IMI

2. Responsibility for Maintenance.

- (1) The maintenance of BR-IFI is a British responsibility.
- (2) The maintenance of US-IFI is a United States responsibility.
- (3) The maintenance of IFI-IMI is the responsibility of the
Italian Government, supplemented to the extent required by
the United States and United Kingdom, as authorized by the
Combined Chiefs of Staff. This commitment is divided
between the US and UK as under:-

Subsistence	-	US.
Clothing	-	Joint US/UK.
Medical	-	UK.
Fuels	-	UK.

3. Medical.

- (a) The Italian Medical Services will maintain adequate medical hospitals and services for all Italian Armed Forces.
- (b) Evacuation will be wherever practicable to Italian Hospitals.
- (c) In an emergency, personnel may be admitted to United States or British Hospitals, and will be enlisted in the same manner as United States or British patients.
- (d) Maintenance of Italian Medical Service personnel in hospitals for patients, clothing, and medical stores will be the normal IFI-IMI procedure.
- (e) Maintenance of Italian Armed Forces personnel patients in

Medical - UK
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- (d) Maintenance of Italian Medical Service personnel in hospitals for rations, clothing, and medical stores will be the normal military procedure.
- (e) Maintenance of Italian Armed Forces personnel patients in hospitals or convalescent camps will be :-

Classification of Patient (a)	Retained by (b)	Medical Stores and Hospital diet items (c)	Remarks (d)
IRI-III	IRI-III	IRI-III	Retained (Col b) will be accounted for by HMIA and recovered from US authorities.
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US-III	IRI-III	IRI-III	Retained (Col b) will be accounted for by HMIA and recovered from US authorities.

4. Medical Supplies, Pharmaceuticals and Miscellaneous Items for Italian Armed Forces.

(1) Scales.

(a) Hospital Med Items.

Milk	6,300 lbs	Based on 13,000 patients for 10 days.
Rice	12,700 lbs	
Carolina or equivalent	3,000 lbs	
Butter or margarine	13,400 lbs	
Meat extract	850 lbs	

(b) Pharmaceuticals & Miscellaneous Stores.

Water Sterilizing Powder	15 lbs	Scale per 1000 men per month.
Anti-mosquito cream	375 lbs	
Toile remover tablets	250 lbs	
Fly catchers	480	
Prepared Pet Milk	1 lb	
Al. OS	30 lbs	
Black flagging	4 lbs	
Anti-mosquito spray	20 gals	
Creosol	10 gals	
Ketohydrated Spirit	5 gals	
Malariaol	20 gals	
Paris Green	14 lbs	

Damages for the above are submitted by MIA to AFMC. Reimburse are arranged through RASO channels to Italian Military Medical Store Reports.

(2) Medical Stores.

Standard scale of provision is 40 tons per 100,000 personnel per month.

Source of supply :- (1) Italian Sources (2) British sources or UK, controlled by MIA.

(3) Medical Stores for units.

(a) Provision of Medical Stores required for M.I. Rooms or First Aid Stations in units other than hospitals or convalescent depots will be :-

III-III units	- - -	III-III responsibility.
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Expenditures for the above are submitted by AMHS to AMHS. Expenses are arranged through RASC channels to Italian Military Medical Store Depots.

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Standard scale of provision is 40 tons per 100,000 personnel per month.

Source of supply :- (i) Italian Sources (ii) British sources or UK, controlled by MILM.

(3) Medical Stores for Units.

(a) Provision of Medical Stores required for H.I. Rooms or First Aid Stations in units other than hospitals or convalescent depots will be :- 3966

IXI-IXI units - - - - - III-III responsibility.
 IXI-IXI units - - - - - III-III responsibility.
 IXI-IXI units - - - - - US responsibility.

(b) Italian Hospitals and Convalescent Depots will obtain medical stores from Italian Depots of Medical Stores.

(c) Medical stores will only be issued to medical personnel.

4. Issue of Medical Stores from Allied Depots or Units.

(1) Allied Depots of Medical Stores or Units will only make issues to Italian Hospitals in an emergency.

(ii) No non-expendable major items of medical equipment will be issued to an Italian unit without specific authority of AMHS.

5. Accounting for Medical Supplies issued from Allied Depots or Units.

(1) In Italian Medical Officer will be present at the time of issue, and sign vouchers for items issued.

(2) Vouchers will be serially numbered and will show the following information :-

- (a) Date of issue.
- (b) Authority for issue.

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6. Accounting for Medical Supplies issued from Allied Depots or Units
(contd).

(a) continued.

- (c) Depot making issue.
(d) Unit to which issue was made.
(e) Item (use standard nomenclature).
(f) Unit.
(g) Quantity.
(h) Price (Full list price will be used).
(i) Amount.
(j) Total amount.
(k) Signature of the receiving Italian Officer, with name printed or typed.
(l) Countersignature of issuing agency.

(e) The original signed voucher will be sent HQ MHA as soon as soon as possible after the issue is made. Issuing Agency will retain one copy of the voucher and one copy will be given to the receiving unit at the time of issue.

PART 2.

7. Present Location of Italian Hospitals.

- (1) Italian Military Hospital, Ancona - - - - 300 beds.
947 Italian Field Hospital, Orino - - - - 100 beds.
951 Italian Field Hospital, Paleomonte - - - - 100 beds.
Italian Military Hospital, Perugia - - - - 300 beds.

(2) In the event of a switch-over of Italian troops from 61 Area to 55 Area the Italian Field Hospital from Orino to Paleomonte will have and will be established at Bracciano.

8. Present Location of Italian Medical Stores.

Italian Military Hospital, Perugia.
947 Italian Field Hospital, Ostro.

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9. All 55 Areas and Sub-Areas will set in an advisory capacity to the Officers commanding the Italian Hospitals until such time as an Italian A.D.H.S. has been posted. They will render any assistance necessary when required, which should normally only be in an emergency.

347 Italian Field Hospital, Ormaiztegui - 80 beds.
 581 Italian Field Hospital, Palomares - 80 beds.
 Italian Military Hospital, Perugia - 500 beds.

- (2) In the event of a switch-over of Italian troops from El Aros to 55 Area the Italian Field Hospital from Ormaiztegui to Palomares will move and will be established at Francisco.

8. Present Location of Italian Medical Stores.

Italian Military Hospital, Perugia.
 347 Italian Field Hospital, Ormaiztegui.

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J. W. W. King.

Colonel,
 DLM, No 1 District.

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 HMC/OAR.

Subject: Italian Field Hospitals

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Land Forces Sub Comm.

A.C. (MIA)

ROME

1/3/2171

4 Nov 44

DMS AAT

Copy to: DMS AMEM

Reference attached copy of letter 04/7 of 29 Oct 44 received from Rear AMT 8th Army requesting permission to retain 92 Italian Military Field Hospital.

1. All Italian Field Hospitals are now committed and it is considered that future demands will have to be judged on a priority basis. As all Italian Field Medical equipment is now in use, further units cannot be formed using Italian materials.

2. There are 34 Field Hospitals in all. These are employed as follows:-

(a) Nos. 82 and 960	Divisional units with Friuli Combat Group
84 and 333	" " " " " " " "
244 and 332	" " " " " " " "
516 and 517	" " " " " " " "
243 and 501	" " " " " " " "
83 and 91	" " " " " " " "

No. 525 and 865	240 Division	5th Army
436 and 152	242 Division	P.S.S.
315 (Now known as 291)	228 Division	8th Army

Nos 230, 232, 423, 519, } 421 now being re-equipped to form eight of the
470, 866, 522, 576 } twelve required in support of the Combat Groups.

548 Field Hospital	Has now been allotted to the Internal Security
	Aosta Division in lieu of a Medical Section.

It is considered that all above 26 Field Hospitals will be required in their present employment for some considerable time and cannot therefore be released for other duties.

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No. 525 and 865	210 Division	5th Army
486 and 152	212 Division	P.D.S.
315 (Nov known as 294)	228 Division	8th Army

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(b) The remaining eight Field Hospitals are located and employed as follows:-

247	Osimo	209 Div.	- 1 District	{ open }
524	Falconara	209 Div.	- 1 District	{ open }
234	Afragola Transit Camp	Military Command	Compania	{ open }
92	2 - 100000 <i>Pesaro</i>	AMG 8th Army		{ open }
229	Afragola Camp	Closed		
964	Afragola Camp	Closed	- moving to PRATO for 1 District	
520	Quarta S. Riena	Military Command	Sardinia	{ Closed } { open }
534	Torini	"	"	"

From the eight units in para 2 (b) the following commitments have to be met:-

(a) Four assigned to supporting units for Combat Groups bringing the total to twelve. (Required by M3-Jan. 1945).

(b) No 234 is necessary in Agrigola Transit Camp until at least Mid-Jan. 1945.

(c) One is required to complete 8th Army demand for Italian military patients.

(a) Nos 247 and 521 are functioning in 4 Districts.

(a) No 96A is required at Preto (believed temporarily)

(c) AMT 8th Army desire to retain No 92 for civilian use.

i.e. Nine at least are required, presuming 231 can be released from Azagola by Mid-Jan. Of eight available two are still in Sardinie.

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4. A previous suggestion to relieve 92 Military Field Hospital by No 34 Italian Red Cross Hospital (50 beds) and/or 82 Red Cross Hospital (52 beds) is one immediate solution, but in view of the recent information of the return from Greece and the Balkans of several thousands of military and civil refugees, the Italian Red Cross will possibly have need of these units elsewhere.

5. (a) If No 92 Field Hospital is withdrawn from AMG 8th Army, the suggested allocation is:-

To 8th Army (Military)	No. 92
1 District	247 (Osimo), 521 (Falconara), 964 (Prato)
Combat Tail	520, 531, 229, 231.

(b) If 92 Field Hospital remains with AMG 8th Army the suggested allocation is:-

8th Army (Military)	No. 229
8th Army (AMG)	92
1 District	247, 521, 964 (1 District to release 1 Field Hospital by Mid-Jan to complete Combat Group)
Combat Tail	520, 531, 231.

6. I have set this out at some length in order:-

(a) To review the general situation and plans for future employment of Italian Field Hospitals.

(b) That a ruling on the future role of 92 Field Hospital may be given.

M. G. Hogg

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

I have not said out at some length in order.

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- (b) That a ruling on the future role of 92 Field Hospital may be given.

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P. H. Hays

Major,
D.A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (MILA)

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SUBJECT:- 92° Italian Army Field Hospital.

MMIA
REAR AMG EIGHTH ARMY

QA/17

29 October 1944

HQ., A.M.G. A.A.I.

Copy to: HQ., A.C.C.
D.D.M.S. Eighth Army

MMIA	2125
FILE REF	1
Date Recd	2/11

M/3/2157

1. We have been advised by the Medical Branch Eighth Army that your office is considering the advisability of transferring back to the Italian Army the 92° Italian Army Field Hospital. We were assured by Army Sub-Commission MMIA HQ. ACC Rome in a letter M/3/1631, dated 15 August 1944, subject as above, that the relief of the Hospital would be unlikely in the near future as further Camp Hospitals were being brought over from Sardinia.

It is strongly felt both by AMG Medical Section and Medical Branch of Eighth Army that this unit should remain in its present assignment for the following reasons which were stated in our letter to MMIA 8th Army on 8 August 1944:

(a) the 92° Italian Army Field Hospital has been assigned to AMG Eighth Army by Allied Control Commission Headquarters.

(b) the Hospital is serving on extremely useful purpose to Eighth Army by its prompt efficient care of civilian wounded. It is now a smooth-working, cohesive Surgical Unit, tested and tried for the past ten (10) months.

(c) At this particular time any change from this Army Hospital Unit to a Red Cross Unit would be most unfortunate due to the large number of wounded civilians being received from the front.

(d) we might also add that this unit is being used as a Venereal Disease Holding-Inspection Centre for the 3962 examination of women suspected of having V.D. (a responsibility entirely unsuited for a Volunteer Italian Red Cross Unit) and its removal would necessitate the entire re-organization of Venereal Disease Control and Treatment in the Eighth Army Areas.

(e) the Italian Army Hospital has been found to be relatively well disciplined and is now well-acquainted with Eighth Army Methods and, in contradistinction, the

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experience of both Medical Section AMG and the Medical Services of Eighth Army has been such that the Italian Red Cross Units are ill-disciplined, poorly staffed, poorly equipped and insanitary. The standards of their Surgical Practice have been definitely lower than the 92nd Italian Army Camp Hospital.

(f) The removal of the 92nd Italian Army Hospital from AMG at the present juncture is not recommended. To substitute an Italian Red Cross Unit would cause such dislocation that little responsibility could be accepted by AMG Medical Section for the evacuation and treatment of sick and wounded civilians. If such substitution is essential it is equally essential that the two units work side by side for not less than three (3) months in order that the capabilities of the Red Cross Unit can be evaluated and the organisation made to fit in with our requirements.

2. These above reasons are true to a greater degree than when first presented. Due to the large amount of war damage to the Civil Hospitals in this area and the necessity of the Army in using an increasing number of Hospitals and Institutional Buildings, it is most essential that this Mobile Italian Hospital be retained in its present status. Its need to us is also greater since there has been a great increase in the number of civilians wounded during the past month and also a seasonal increase in illness and disease which has already created a serious overcrowding in the already overburdened permanent institutions.

3. We urge that every consideration be given to our request that AMG Medical Section Eighth Army be permitted to continue to operate this Hospital.

[Signature]
Group Captain, 3961
Officer Commanding
A.F.G. Eighth Army.



Subject: Hospital Accommodation for Italian Co-operators

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AQ/7

23 October 1944

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. pending further arrangements by the Allied Authorities, AFHQ has ruled that it is allowable for Italian Co-operators (units formed from PW on parole), to be admitted to British Military Hospitals.
2. Co-operators will not therefore be admitted to Italian Military Hospitals, except in an emergency.
3. The Ministry of War will issue instructions to this effect.

JGB/wk

copy to: ST
Med
All MMIA LOs

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

(Handwritten signature)
20/10/44

3. The Ministry of War will issue instructions to this effect.

JGB/wk

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All MMIA LOS

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

~~20/02/44~~
(MIA)

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COPY
-----SUBJECT: Italian Hospital Units Assigned to Fifth Army

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY

R O M E

A1/2/13-4

26 October 1944.
-----TO: Major Van Kirk, LO 5th Army

1. Reference our conversation with Major Ware concerning Italian hospitals assigned to Fifth Army. The hospitals assigned to Fifth Army and carried under the strength of the 210th Division are as follows:

<u>HOSPITAL</u>	<u>STRENGTHS</u>	
	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.R.'s</u>
525 Field Hospital	9	40
865 " "	9	62
110 Vet Hospital	5	94
130 " "	5	83
211 " "	4	88

2. We are attaching hereto Detailed War Establishment for ITI-ITI Admin. Medical Units. The hospitals listed on this document are ITI-ITI units, and should draw their medical supplies from ITI-ITI sources.

3. Any changes in the category of any hospitals will be sent to you immediately to enable you to keep Fifth Army informed as to the category of the hospitals in their area.

TTR/ag
Copy to Med.

TOMMY T. ROSE, Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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m/s/2110
See for action
with
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Subject: Medical Supplies to Italian Hospitals

Military Mission
Italian Army

ROME

11/5/2001

11 Oct 44

Ministry of War,
Direzione Gen. di Sanita MIL.

Copy to: Public Health Sub Commission

1. Your letter 4245/Gen of 10 Oct 44 states that A.C.C. provincial authorities have not received authority to issue medical supplies to the hospitals for repatriated Ps.O.W. and "over 30-day" patients.

2. This is incorrect as Public Health Sub Commission, AGC instructed their Regional Commissioners in their letters 422/3072/36/PH of 10 Sept 44, to issue medical supplies to these hospitals. Copies of relevant letters from A.C.C. are enclosed for your information.

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

File

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Subject: Accommodation - Physiological Laboratory

Military Mission
Italian Army

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11 Oct 44

R.A.A.C.

Reference attached translation of Italian Army letter received from Ministry of War.

1. The "Villa Fonseca" consists of two buildings or wings - one occupied by Italians, the upper two floors of the other being occupied by 104 General Hospital for infectious cases.

The basement of the wing occupied by 104 General Hospital is at present closed. It contains Italian technical medical equipment (electro-cardiogram etc.) which would be most inconvenient to dismantle and re-erect elsewhere.

2. The Ministry of War request that permission to enter and use this basement be granted to Italian Army Medical personnel.

3. The basement is not at present in use as to enter it necessitates passing through 104 General Hospital grounds.

/BEG

Copy to: Ministry of War
Internal - Med.

F. J. Paul
Major General,
Military Mission Italian Army.

4. C. 3957
11/10/44
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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale di Sanità Militare

Ref: 1/4038/San

To: Military Mission Italian Army

24 Sept 44

Subject: Physiological Laboratory

In the interests of the Italian Army Medical Services this Directorate wishes to reiterate the above mentioned laboratory situated in VIA ST. STEFANO ROTONDO No 4 (VILLA FONSECA) opposite Celio Hospital.

The laboratory which is at the disposal of the Ministry of War is situated in the same building of the Villa Fonseca.

As these buildings are occupied by the British General Hospital it is thus impossible for us to use the laboratory. We beg therefore that the building in question which contains the major part of the laboratory material, be returned to the Italian Army and that the under mentioned personnel have authorization to use the laboratory so as to ensure its activities:-

LtCol TOFFI	Igino	Director
2/Lt RICHETTI	Fernando	Assistant
Cpl MORETTI	Bruno	Technician
Mr TONI	Enrico	"

Please observe that this laboratory works mostly for the medico-legal Department and the War Pensions Medical Commission who, with permission from the Allies, are now functioning in the buildings of the Villa Fonseca.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(F. Caldarola)

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Assistant
Technician
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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(F. Calderola)

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Subject: Absorption of Hospitals into Italian Army Medical Services.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
ROME
AQ/7

To: MINISTRY OF WAR

6 Oct 44

1. Approval is given, subject to conditions stated in para. 2, for absorption into the Italian Army Medical Services of the personnel, buildings and all medical equipment of the following hospitals :-

(a) Ospedale "S.Gallo" FLORENCE (present beds 328)

Staff - Officers 20, Nursing Sisters 30, ORs 120 - Total 170

(b) Ospedale "Monte Oliveto" (present beds 106)

Staff - Officers 11, Nursing Sisters 17, ORs 28 - Total 56

2. This approval is subject to the following conditions :-

(a) Personnel have been screened and approved by a screening Agency.

(b) The ceiling of 8,000 Medical Corps in Category 1, to include all officers, nursing sisters and men employed in the Medical Services is not exceeded.

(c) The Italian Area Medical Director has contacted the Allied Medical Authorities and ascertained that the buildings are not required for Allied use.

(d) Personnel who do not belong to the recognised Italian Armed Forces are transferred to civil or other hospitals.

(e) The hospitals and all military personnel are regularised within the Army and correctly carried on the Records and Order of Battle.

3. These units will remain under command 5th Army and 240 Division as long as they are situated in 5th Army Area. They will then be transferred to

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3. These units will remain under command 5th Army and 240 Division as long as they are situated in 5th Army Area. They will thereafter revert to command of Italian G.H.Q.

F. J. JONES Lt. Col.
For Major General.
N. M. I. A.

FJN/bh

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HQ AAI
5th Army
HQ ACC
MIA LO 5th Army
MIA LO 8th Army
MIA LO 4 District

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394
Medical Supply Branch

16 September, 1944.

AOC/3072/36/PH.

SUBJECT: Supplies for Ex - Military Hospitals.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region VI.

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1. This office has received a letter from the Ministero della Guerra stating that the following named hospitals are no longer Military Hospitals and must be supplied from AOC medical stocks. Will you arrange for necessary action toward supplying these hospitals.

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			Off.	Gr.	Beds Equipped
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" " "	Cechiri		12	89	542
" " "	Tempio				
" " "	Carbonia				
Conval. Depot	Bosa		6	33	288
" "	Pozzo Mugg.		3	24	111

For Brigadier G.S. PARKINSON:

M. E. GRIFFIN, Colonel M.C.
Chief, Medical Supply Branch.

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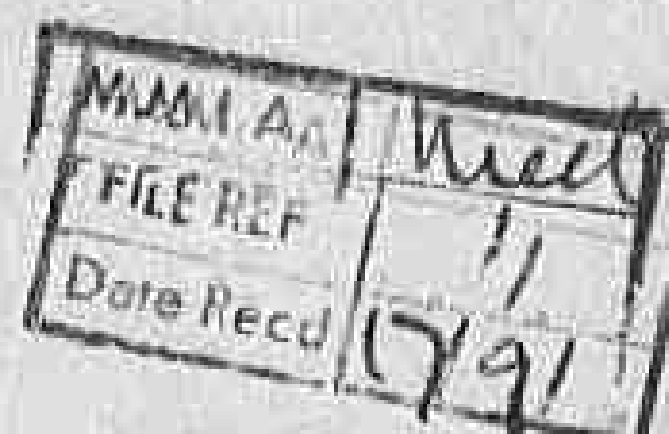
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMMISSION
APO 334
Medical Supply Branch



16 September, 1944.

AGC/3072/36/PH.

SUBJECT: Supplies for Ex - Military Hospitals

TO : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.

1. This office has received a letter from the Ministero della Guerra stating that the following named hospitals are no longer Military Hospitals and must be supplied from AGC medical stocks. Will you arrange for necessary action toward supplying these hospitals.

STAFF

a)	<u>CAMPANIA</u>		<u>Off.</u>	<u>CRs.</u>	<u>Beds Equipped</u>
Osp. Scuole G. Arcoleo - Napoli			6	60	200
b)	<u>CALABRIA</u>				
Osp. Civile	Cosenza		2	31	100
" "	Vibo Valentia		1	8	25
" "	Crotone		1	10	30
Osp. C.R.I.	Reggio Cal.				
Conv. V.E. S. Cristina	Aspromonte		2	40	200
c)	<u>PUGLIA & LUCANIA</u>				
Osp. Militare	Taranto		10	198	513
" "	Messafra		12	83	310
" "	Mesagne		17	121	445
" "	Santeramo		7	72	200
" "	Altamura		9	86	454
" "	Giovinazzo		10	145	450
" " Diaz	Lecco				
Conv. Depot	Galatina		4	83	600
" "	Maro		4	20	700
Osp. C.R.I.	Valenzano \$		-	-	210
Osp. Civile	Modugno \$		-	-	250

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For Brigadier G.S. PARKINSON:

M.E. GRIFFIN, Colonel, M.C.
Chief, Medical Supply Branch.

MEG/mtc.

Copy to: MMIA

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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APO 394
Medical Supply Branch

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ACC/3072/36/PH.

16 September, 1944.

SUBJECT: Supplies for Ex - Military Hospitals.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region I.

1. This office has received a letter from the Ministero della Guerra stating that the following named hospitals are no longer Military Hospitals and must be supplied from ACC medical stocks. Will you arrange for necessary action toward supplying these hospitals.

STAFF

<u>SICILY</u>		<u>Off.</u>	<u>ORs.</u>	<u>Beds Equipped</u>
Cep. S. Lorenzo Colli	Palermo	27	147	400

For Brigadier G.S. PARKINSON:

MEG/mtc.

Copy to MEMA

M.E. GRIFFIN, Colonel M.C.
Chief, Medical Supply Branch.

39522

Subject: Medical Arrangements - Italian Ps.O.W.

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

August 44

Ministry of War,

1. Your letter 200953/II of 20 August 44 appears to deal with two subjects:-

- (a) Reception of repatriated sick and wounded Ps.O.W. from overseas and
- (b) The shortage of transport in Apulia for movement of military casualties of the Italian Army.

2. In respect of para 1(a) it must be emphasised that MIA and the Italian military medical services are only concerned with the medical arrangements of personnel of the Italian Army. They are no longer concerned with the reception of repatriated Ps.O.W. or patients in "over 30-day" hospitals. It is understood that a civil organisation has been set up by the Italian Government to deal with the latter categories.

Knowing your difficulties of medical transport however, MIA letter AC/7 of 11 August 44, para 3, states:-
"Ambulance cars of the Italian Army Medical Service will not be used by those ("over 30-day") hospitals. In an emergency military ambulance cars may be loaned for the reception of a large number of Ps.O.W. if the civilian authorities are unable to furnish a sufficient number".

3. In respect of para 1(b) the military hospital accommodation in Apulia on 15 August 44 was "Beds Equipped 4347, Beds Occupied 3515". It is therefore presumed that reference is made to the "over 30-day" hospitals and not the Italian Army military hospitals. This is

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4. The hospital accommodation situation in Campania is acute and it appears unwise that any further casualties, either military, Ps.O.N. or civilian should be disembarked in this area for some time.

5. As your problems appear to affect only repatriation of Ps.O.N. and "over 30-day" hospitals they should be referred by the civil authorities concerned to the appropriate Sub Commission of ACC (i.e. War Materials Disposal & POW Sub Commission and the Public Health Sub Commission).

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Endorsed
 Major General,
 Army Sub Commission, ACC.

/RBM

Copy to: Public Health Sub Comm. ACC.

War Materials Disposal & POW Sub Comm. ACC.

Internal - Medical

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Subject: Medical Arrangements - Ps.O.W.

Army Sub Commission, MMIA
H.Q., A.C.C.
ROME
AQF

30 August 44

Ministry of War

Reference your 3416/San di Prot. of 28 August 44.

1. Arrangements for the reception of repatriated sick Ps.O.W. are no longer a responsibility of MMIA or the Italian Army Medical Services. It is understood that a civil organisation has been set up to deal with these cases.

2. As this civil organisation is only now being brought into existence, the difficulty of immediate movement of 500 ex-soldiers is realised. Your request for two hospital trains was referred to HQ AAI. HQ AAI have informed MMIA that one hospital train will shortly be placed at your disposal for one journey from Naples to Bari for military casualties and then proceed to Calabria with "over 30-day" patients.

Detailed arrangements are being made within medical service channels.

3. From information received it is understood that one hospital ship arriving on 3rd September is being diverted to Palermo.

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Copy to:

General 3950

Major General,
Army Sub Commission, ACC.

W/P

Subject: Medical - Italian Armed Forces

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

10/7

August 44

Ministry of War,
S.M.R.E.

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Further to the policy laid down in AQ/2 of 23 June 44.

1. With effect from the date of this letter issues of medical supplies from Italian Army sources will not be made to hospitals which have been handed over to the civil authorities for the reception of patients requiring hospitalization beyond the 30-day period.

2. Ambulance cars of the Italian Armed Forces will not be used by these hospitals. In an emergency military ambulances may be loaned for the reception of a large number of repatriated P.O.W. if the civilian authorities are unable to furnish a sufficient number.

3. Representation will be made to the Italian Government to replace the military personnel with a civilian staff. The total administrative personnel of the medical corps will not exceed 8,000 all ranks.

4. A copy of the orders issued by the Ministry of War in respect of paras 1 & 2 will be sent to MIA.

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/RBC

Edward
Major General,
Army Sub Commission, AGO.



Subject: Absorption of Hospitals into
Italian Army Medical Services

Army Sub Commission, MILIA
H.Q., A.C.C.
ROME
M/5/1603
11 August 44

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

Reference your letter 1/2896/San of 6 August 44.

1. Approval is given, subject to the conditions stated in para 2, for the absorption into the Italian Army Medical Services of the personnel, buildings and all medical equipment of the following hospitals:-

Military Hospital	-	Anzio
Convalescent Depot	-	Arpino
Convalescent Depot	-	Assisi
Military Hospital	-	Perugia
Military Hospital	-	Siena
Military Hospital	-	Chieti
Convalescent Depot	-	Montesilvano
Military Hospital	-	Ascoli Piceno
Military Hospital	-	Ancona

2. This approval is subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) Personnel have been screened and approved by CERSITI
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*AQ approval shown on M1558.
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/RBG

Copies to: S.M.R.E., Sezione Sanita

DMS AAI (6) for information

Surgeon PBS (4)

MEIA I.Os.

Director of Public Health Sub Comm. ACC.

W.A. Haggie.

Major,

D.A.D.M.S.

Army Sub Commission, ACC.

Military Hospital
Siena
Military Hospital
Chieti
Military Hospital
Montesilvano
Convalescent Depot
Ascoli Piceno
Military Hospital
Ancona
Military Hospital

Subject: Medical Officers - Italian.

Ref: 103/M

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To: D.A.D.M.S.,
Medical Liaison Office,
Army Sub Commission, AGO (MIA)
o/o 52 Area, G.M.F.

DOCTORE GUIDO SORIA

The attached memo from ADDS 54 Sub-District, is forwarded for favour of such action as you consider advisable.

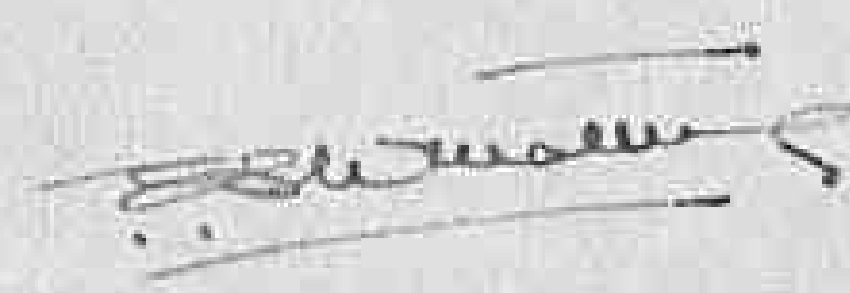
DR. SORIA has, on my advice, applied direct to Ministero della Guerra, Medical Directorate, Italian HQ (S.M.R.E.), for his case to be considered for the re-grant of a medical commission in the Italian Armed Forces.

I have no facilities for checking his medical qualifications and there may of course be reasons of security why he should not be re-employed, but in view of the present shortage of medical man-power, I feel that DR SORIA could be more usefully employed in the war effort than as a general labourer.

I understand that he speaks French and English.

19 Jul 44
RHSW/ADK

Copy to: ADDS 54 Sub District.


(E.E.S. WHARMBY)
Colonel,
A.D.M.S., 54 SUB DISTRICT.
B.N.A.F.

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Italian Medical Officers

A.D.H.S. (5 Copies)
H.Q., Mone Sub District

File: C/1/OS
Phone: Mone Mil. 87
and Mone Civil 2996,
18 July 44

DOTTOR GUIDO SORIA - 26 Rue de Colmar, Tunis.

I have known the above mentioned well for the past twelve months, during which time he has worked for me in various capacities - i.e. labour, overseer and interpreter (officially) and (unofficially) as doctor and Camp Hygiene officer, and lately on local purchase.

His history, I am told, is briefly as follows. Educated and qualified at NAPLES and ~~CHIANNA~~ ^{CHIANNA}, Italian Army M.O. in Abyssinia. Had later to leave Italy owing to Nazi/Fascist Jewish persecution and was only allowed a passport to TUNIS where he is debarré from practising as a Medical Officer because of being an Italian subject.

He sees in the Allied cause a chance to live his life and practice his profession. He would welcome any opportunity.

It appears to me that this is a case where an intelligent and able doctor is being allowed to remain in enforced idleness.

I am therefore putting forward his case in hopes some good may come of it.

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Dr. J. J. J.

L.D. OZZARD-LON.
Lieut-Colonel,
A.D.O.S.
Bona Sub District.

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Subject: Medical Air Reports

Army Sub Commission, A.S.C.
Main H.Q. (M.H.I.A.)
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W/5/1103
6 June 44

Ministero della Guerra, Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare.

Copy to: Stato Maggiore R. Esercito, Sezione Sanita.

25,000 soldiers are shortly to arrive
in Foggia area to assist in the harvest.

ASD Foggia Province have already arranged
with the local Italian authorities the detailed arrangements
of treatment for the minor sick.

Serious cases will be admitted to Italian
Military hospitals in the Foggia area where expansion of existing
beds will be necessary.

Let
Major, R.A.M.C.
D.A.D.E.S.
Army Sub Commission, ASC.

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

MILITARY MISSION:

Date 10th 1/3/43

to
ITALIAN ARMY.

AOC/3073/PH.

23 February 1944.

SUBJECT:- Italian Hospital - Modugno.

TO :- Hq No 2 District, GHQ.
Through Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.
Through Admin. Directorate.

Ref. 1466/5/42 dated 12 Feb 44.

Lt. Vanzetti, office of the Director of Medical Service (General Caldarola) of the Italian Armed Forces states that Modugno Hospital will remain at the disposal of the Italian Forces as a result of an agreement between Major Haggie, R.A.M.C., of the Army Sub-Commission AOC and the Italian Army.

As a result of this agreement the hospital at Valenzano (near Bari) will be turned over to the Allied authorities.

PH/3073/PH.

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

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Subject: Medical Arrangements.M.E.L.A. L.G. Rear 8th Army.Copy to: D.D.M.S. 8th Army
A.D.M.S. 60 Sub Area.Military Mission to
Italian Army.

M/5/304.4

1 Feb 44.

Reference your HQ/101 of 26th Jan, the request for another Italian Camp Hospital for Italian Transit Camp is noted.

1. Italian Units cannot be sent to 8th Army Area without authority of G(30) 8th Army. 60 Sub Area should therefore make the request through G(30) channels.

2. It is understood that while 92 Italian Camp Hospital was sent to 8th Army Area for civil needs, it will also deal with Italian Military personnel within its own area. This would appear more suitable than attendance at an Allied Medical Unit, where the language difficulty always arises.

3. Medical Supplies are available at Italian Medical Stores in "Benevo" Hospital SMI and M.M.S.M., are arranging for L.P.M.Q. 8th Army demands to be drawn direct from there.

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*Serials & File**V.G.H.**F.* Brig.
Genl.

Copy to: S.M.S.M. (Reference para 3 as per telephone conversation 1.2.44.)

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M. M. I. A.
Rear H. Q.
EIGHTH ARMY.
MM/101.

MILITARY MISSION 28 Jan 44.

D.A.D.M.S.
H.Q. - M.M.I.A.
LEQUILLE.

Date 30/1/44
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

SUBJECT:- Medical Arrangements.

1. An ITALIAN Transit Camp with capacity of 1,500 men has been established at TERMOLI to receive reinforcements and ITALIAN units who are being reorganised.

60 SUB AREA of TERMOLI have requested that a camp reception hospital of 25 - 30 beds be provided from ITALIAN sources. Gen. PROPERZI has asked me to use your offices to approach B M R E with the view to the provision of a hospital.

It is appreciated that 92 Field Hospital and an ITALIAN Red Cross hospital are expected shortly, but as they are for civilians, they will NOT be available for ITALIAN military personnel.

An ITALIAN M.O. for the Transit Camp is supplied by H.Q. 353 Bn. who are in charge of the Transit Camp.

2. An I F H Q representative recently visited BARI for medical supplies. He received a quantity, but was informed that no more would be available.

If you agree with this, may I be informed whether S M R E can release further medical supplies or not?

H. Feldman

Major,
Liaison Officer.

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7/5/280

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If you agree with this, may I be informed whether S M R E can release further medical supplies or not?

M. Feldman 3940

Major,
Liaison Officer.

Copies to: D D M S

Rear H. Q.
EIGHTH ARMY.

A D M S
60 SUB AREA.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
Office of the Surgeon
A. P. O. #164, U. S. Army

COB/loh
27 January 1944

Subject: Evacuation of Italian Sick and Wounded.

To: W. A. Haggis, Major, R.A.M.C.
Military Mission to Italian Army.

1. Italian soldiers admitted to Fifth Army hospitals are retained for the shortest possible time and then are evacuated to the Italian Military Hospital at Maddaloni. Transfer is effected immediately after the soldier becomes transportable. Due to the rapid evacuation of these patients no attempt has been made to notify the Italian authorities of each soldier's admission since in most cases the soldier himself would reach an Italian military installation more promptly than the letter of notification.

2. In the event of death of an Italian soldier in an Allied hospital the Italian Increment at Headquarters Fifth Army is notified and given all necessary data.

3. The medical officer of the Italian Increment states that the present system of notification is satisfactory. However, if further investigation reveals that additional reports are desired you may feel free to call upon this office for their rendition.

For the Surgeon:

C. O. BRUCE,
Lt. Col., Medical Corps,
Executive.

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SUBJECT: Evacuation of Italian Sick and Wounded

Military Mission to
ITALIAN ARMY.

11/5/25.
21 Jan. 44.

TO: The Surgeon, Fifth Army.

Copy to: D.M.M.A. A.F.M.C. Adv. Com. Italy.
1st Lt. A.F.M.C. Adv. Com. Italy.
1st Lt. Rear Medical Army. } Per Info.

1. Italian General Staff have informed M.M.I.A. that in the combat zone of Fifth and Eighth Army, Italian soldiers are frequently encountered through Allied Medical Units and no records of particulars are known to the Italian unit to which the soldier belongs.
2. In Eighth Army all medical units have been instructed to send particulars to the parent Italian unit of any soldier encountered or dying in a British Unit.
3. It is requested that a similar arrangement be made in Fifth Army.

W.H.

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

COPY TO: State Messengers L. Bernite, Ufficio Servizi - Regione Roma, Ref.
your letter No. 2/63/Corv. of prot dated 19 Jan. 44.

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Authenticate & File.

SUBJECT:- Allied patients in Italian Military Hospitals.

Military Mission to
ITALIAN ARMY.
M/5/213.
17 Jan. 44.

To:- M.M.I.A. L.O. 31 Italian Corps. CATANZARO.

Reference your "G" of 11 Jan. 44 requesting extra rations for Allied patients in Italian Military Hospitals in CALABRIA L. of C.

1. All units leaving REGGIO carry 7 days rations. Allied patients are not detained if likely to be over 7 days in hospital. Therefore the easiest solution would be for M. & F. REGGIO to instruct all Unit Commanders that if any man is admitted to an Italian Hospital in the CALABRIA L. of C., 7 days rations will also be left at the hospital. This will easily cover his needs.
2. If extra medical comforts are necessary, these should be requested on your own indent on TARANTO D.I.D. and distributed via your H.Q. I am certain A.D.M.S. Office 52 AREA will countersign as there is no British Medical Officer in CALABRIA. The need for medical comforts should not be very great if each unit sees that their men are properly supplied on admission.
3. To put this officially through R.A.S.C. channels and draw supplies through Italian D.I.D's would lead to many complications for very small amounts and involve different ration scales.

M.G.H.

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

Copy to:- A.D.M.S. 52 AREA (for info) (Under instructions from D.D.M.S. A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Ech., in October. 43, the Italian Army Medical Services maintain 3 hospitals each of 40 beds for use of Allied personnel in CALABRIA. These are situated at VIBO VALENTIA, COSENZA and CATANZARO.)

/BJR.

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M/6/209 MED

Subject: Allied Patients in Italian Military
Hospitals.
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Military Mission to
The Italian Army. -

L.O. 31st Italian Corps,
CATANZARO. - - - - -

17 Jan 44. -

Ref: -G.

H.Q.,
31st Italian Corps. -

The procedure to be adopted where Allied
troops are patients in your hospitals is as
follows:-

(1). Send me a list weekly of all patients
giving in full rank, name, number and name of
unit.

(2). Evacuate any patient whose life is
not endangered and those liable to be detained
in the hospital for more than one week. The
evacuation to be done by ambulance to
Movement and Transportation, REGGIO, giving them
a card showing history of case together with
patient's all equipment etc. They will then
forward all patients to their ultimate
destination in SICILY.

Copies to:- A.M.G.O.T., CATANZARO.

" REGGIO.

" COSENZA.

M. & T., REGGIO.

M.M.T.A. (Your authority is hereby sought

for the drawing of 100 rations to be distributed at
Italian hospitals at CATANZARO, COSENZA, VIBO
VALENTIA. for the use of Allied patients in these
hospitals. I consider that the Italian scale of ration
is not sufficient for Allied personnel).

H.V.J.

Major.

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29 DEC 1943

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71 SUB AREA 137 A 28

ACTION DISTWO INFO AGO MILITARY MISSION TO ITALIAN ARY, AIMS
DISP PERSONS COMMISSION, COL MORTIMER, 4 BEACH GROUP.

Hospitalization of refugees. Existing available vacant Italian military accommodation will take maximum of 600 sick and wounded. Additional civil vacant accommodation in scattered hospitals in Lecce and Brindisi provinces would take up to 500. 150 military beds already occupied today. Provision to meet normal sick etc. at 5% must be provided for other refugees. This demand calls for a hospital unit at once and recommend hospitalization at 500 beds be provided immediately. The only alternative is continuous and drastic evacuation to North Africa. 71 Gen Hosp only available for approx. 10 days and has no equipment. There is no other solution if a crisis is to be avoided. Rate of entry of refugees compels placing problem on highest priority. ACK

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W.H.H.
29/12

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Subject: HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION - ITALIAN ARMY.

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon,
CMR.

NA. 57 Area.

30/12/9.

14 Dec 43

1. Application has been made by M.M.I.A. for the use of the whole of the MIRA COLA School, in the VIA DEL MIRA COLA by the Italian Army.
2. The Italian Army already utilizes a portion of the building as a military hospital and desire now to expand this to cover the whole building.
3. The increase in numbers of Italian troops in the NAPLES area makes it essential that adequate Hospital facilities are available for the Italian Army. It has been ascertained that the building is not required for any Allied Hospital, in consequence it should be placed at the disposal of GEN BASCO.

AD/7m.

16/12

Latild
for Major General,
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to: NMIA.
PES.
Distro.
Medical.
A.

Will
Correlate - No action Gen B DMS
already informed.

Subject: Accommodation - Italian Military Hospitals.

Military Mission to Italian Army.
50/7. M

15 Dec. 43.

Medical Branch, Intendencia,
General Basso's Force.

Copy to: - DEHQ., Adv. Adv. Bch.
DEHQ., HQ. 2 District.
S.M.R.E., 446^o Reparto Medical.

1. Permission has now been given for the use of all the buildings in the Mirasoli School as an Italian Military Hospital.
2. Please proceed with arrangements for its expansion to 1000 beds.
3. It is suggested that an Italian Medical Stores be formed in the hospital from which all Italian Military Medical Units in Campaign will draw supplies. Can you arrange?

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H/gp.

Wick
Major, RMC.
For Brigadier,
Commanding.

Subject: Medical Equipment - Italian Army.

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Military Mission to the
Italian Army.

10/7 H.

11 Dec 43.

MEMO, AFHQ, Adv. Adm. Ech.

1. Italian military personnel employed with the 8th Army and in the Naples Area are expected to increase to 40,000 in the near future. Increased hospital accommodation will be necessary.
2. It is understood that the French Military Hospital occupying the ex-Italian Military Hospital at Pozzuoli are using 500 beds belonging to the Italian Army.
3. If these beds could be released (either all or in part) it would enable the Italians to open a Military Hospital in the Monastery at Pozzuoli.
4. Can this be arranged without prejudice to the needs of the French Hospital?

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AM/jb

Major, R.A.M.C.
For Brigadier Commanding
Military Mission to the
Italian Army.

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Subject: Hospital Accommodation - Italian Army.

M. 5/84

Military Mission to the
Italian Army.

AS/7 X.

M Doc 46.

DDMS, AFM, Adv. Adm. Sch., G.M.S.

Copy to: Director of Medical Services,
General Basso's H.Q.

1. The Italian military authorities have at present a 500 bed hospital in the Mira-Gola School, in the Via del Mira Gola, (with 500 patients).
2. The Italians are prepared to increase this to 700 beds and establish full X-Ray, and surgical facilities if the remainder of this building can be requisitioned for their use.
3. Visits have been made to Medical Branches of P.B.S., P.B.S. Metropolitan Branch, 57 Area, and AMOT Region 5, and verbal assurances given that this building will not be required as an Allied hospital.
4. In view of the increasing number of Italian military personnel in the Naples Area, increased hospital accommodation will be necessary.
5. It is requested that this building be requisitioned for use as an Italian Military Hospital. This building is under control of 57 Area.

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W.C. Meggie

Major, R.A.M.C.
For Brigadier Commanding
Military Mission to the
Italian Army

WAM/jb

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Subject:- Medical Arrangements, Calabrian.

Military Mission to
The Italian Army.

L.O. 31st Italian Corps,
CATANZARO.

10/12/43.

Ref:- G.I.

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

Ref your letter AQ/7 M. of 5/12/43.

Deputy Chief of Staff, XXXI. Italian
Corps, certifies that Italian Medical Unit relieved
British Medical Unit at REGGIO on approx. 10/11/43.

WMM-20/12/43.

H.V.D.

File no action


Capt.

Ad/7M
3930/12

Subject: Medical Arrangements-Italian Army with Eighth Army

Military Mission
to Italian Army.

L.O., MMIA.,
Italian Force Control at Eighth Army.
Ref. AQ/7 M. 5 Dec 43.

The following notes may be of use to you when the M.O. with Italian Force HQ. arrives.

1. Eighth Army do not wish any Italian Medical Units in the combat zone for the present. All units of a strength of 300 or more should have their own Italian M.O. with the battalion where he can run a small M.I. Room for his own men.
2. With the exception of the Mule Unit and possibly 29 Minatori Coy. I think all the units already have an M.O. but SMRE or Eighth Army on my visit there on 30th Nov could not confirm. An M.O. for the Mule Unit has already been laid on and no further action necessary.
3. Serious sick are at present evacuated through British channels as far as BARI where they are then sent to an Italian Hospital. I heard from Col. Felsoni DDMS 9th Corps that a small portion of the beds of British Medical Units at Lucera and San Severo were available for Italian sick. These I think are under control of 5th and 13th Corps.
4. I have asked SMRE to name a hospital in Bari, which will receive Italian sick but have had no reply to date. In any case if they are sent to the ~~XXXX~~ "Palilia" or "Del Prete" meanwhile that will be alright. This is really a matter for 2 District to arrange after the Italians nominate a hospital.

5. To sum up - very little requires altering and I advise the Italian HQ M.O. to:-
 - a) Contact Medical Branch Eighth Army.
 - b) See that all Italian Units have their own M.O. and if not to see that ~~getters~~ they get one quickly.
 - c) Arrange some form of checking Italian casualties especially deaths and reporting these to the Italian authorities. Use the "Tabellina Diagnostica" (the equivalent of our sick card)
 - d) See that Italian M.Os. bring in their own equipment. Extendable drugs and dressings will probably be supplied in forward ~~XXXX~~ areas but whenever possible these should be obtained from Italian hospitals in the Bari district.
 - e) Tour round the Italian units and see that ~~XXXX~~ the Italians use their own M.I. Room ~~XXXX~~

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j) Tour round the Italian units and see that ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ the Italians use their own M.I. Rooms and not the British.
k) Any further instructions that "M" Branch Eighth Army issue are carried out.
- 3923
- l) He could let us have a report later on what hospital accommodation if any, the Italians are using, numbers of personnel employed, locations of Italian units, etc., also any difficulties that can be adjusted from this end.

S.M.R.E

I asked that this V.O. should be able to speak English.

HWA/

W. A. B.
Major, R.A.M.C.,
DADOS, M.T.A.
for Brigadier,
Commanding.

Scorbutus

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Subject: Medical ArrangementsMilitary Mission to
Italian ArmyM/7M
3 Dec 43

(72)

S M R E

1. The following Italian Units are already operating in EIGHTH ARMY area

28 Artieri Bn	351 Coastal Bn
1 Form Artieri Bn	353 " "
2 " " "	536 " "
29 Minatori Coy.	308 " "
54 Laveratori Bn	546 " "

Please state which units possess a Medical Officer.

2. Please give location, BED capacity, and number Officers and O.R.'s of any Italian Medical Units functioning in EIGHTH ARMY area; (e.g. North of and including FOGGIA).

3. Number of Italian Ambulances in this area;

W.G.H.

Major DABBS;
for Brig
Comd

EJG/cc

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SUBJECT: Medical Arrangements.

M.S. (70)

HQ, No. 2 District, CMF.
Ext. 123.
9503 M.
20 Nov 43.

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

Reference your AQ/7 (Medical) dated 8 Nov 43.

It is anticipated that the medical section of 33 Beach
Brick will be needed for other duties in the near future. They
should therefore hand over any medical responsibilities.
Further instructions will be sent in due course.

H. Fowler
Colonel,
D.D.M.S.

T.O.O. 1900 H.

Copy to: S.M.O., R.M. Sub Area, Taranto.

*Phone S.M.O.
A.M. Sub. Area
all Brick Section have left
2/12/43
30/11*

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Subject: Medical Arrangements:

Military Mission
att. Italian Army.

Ref. AQ/7 M;

21/11/43.

D.D.M.S.,
2 District, C.M.F.

Reference your verbal inquiry, there is still a British
M.I. Room at Reggio. The Medical Officer of the A.A. Regt. of
33 Brick is in charge.

W.H. Major, R.A.M.C.,
for Brigadier,
Commanding.

/WAH.

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Subject Medical

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Military Mission
to Italian Army.

Ref. AQ/7 M.

18/11/43.

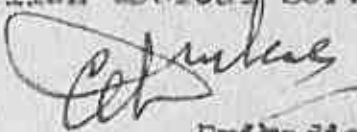
No2 District, C.M.F.

Reference telephone conversation between AQ No.2 District and AQ Military Mission, it is understood that the Allies wish to take over the Italian Military Hospital "L. Bonomo" at Bari

Medical Branch 7th Italian Army have informed this Mission that if this takes place it will deprive the Italian Army Medical Services in the Bari area of certain specialised facilities such as X-Ray, Eye and Ear, Nose and Throat Departments.

May this factor be taken into consideration and if possible some arrangement made whereby these specialist facilities could remain available (or partly so) to the Italian Medical Service.

/WAH;


Brigadier,
Commanding,

3925

TRANSLATIONSUBJECT: First Aid posts

TO : DAIMS BMM

From : DMS 7 ITALIAN ARMY

198/San
5 Nov 43

Maj. HEORIE

2 AM M.5

(21)

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D A A P H G

(13) 4 (9)

With reference to our letter 45/San dated 22 Oct, the following are the First Aid arrangements made for British troops passing through CALABRIA:-

- 1) The following places along the proposed itinerary will have First Aid Posts:- GIOIA TAURO; SAMBIASE, SOUERIA MANNELLI, SPEZZANO ALBANESE, TREBISACCE and PRAIA A MARE. Each post, marked by a red cross, will be manned by one Med officer, one nursing orderly and 4 orderlies with first aid equipment. It will also contain 5 beds and bedding.
- 2) The hospitals at VIBO VALENTIA, COSENZA and REGGIO will have 10 beds permanently at the disposal of British troops. Each hospital will display the following notice:-

ITALIAN HOSPITAL
FOR ALLIED TROOPS

- 3) As soon as it is known that the British Medical Unit at REGGIO ceases to function, it will be substituted by personnel of the Italian Army.

J.M.

Sgd

Col V PELOSA
D M S

Subject :- Medical Arrangements.

*etc Refr to DADMS
bwm 7 Italian Army.*

British Military Mission,
att Italian Army.

H.Q., No 2 District,
(FORTEASE).

3507 M.

13. Oct 43.

M.S.

1. It is understood that in the near future the administration of CALABRIA will revert to the Italian Army.
2. Only a small detachment of British Troops will be stationed in the area, chiefly a Mov & Tn staff at REGGIO. A considerable number of troops will, however, traverse the area after crossing from the MESSINA area.
3. Would you please state whether the Italian Military Authorities are prepared to establish a small hospital of perhaps 10 beds for British personnel at REGGIO and a similar small staging hospital on REGGIO - TARANTO road, possibly at CASTROVILLARE which could deal with sick or accident cases from troops in transit.
4. Cases from the REGGIO area would be transferred, when necessary, to the British Medical Unit at MESSINA. Cases from the post at CASTROVILLARE requiring hospital treatment would be required to be brought into British Hospitals in the TARANTO area.

D. Dunning

Brigadier.
DDMS, No 2 DISTRICT.
(FORTEASE).

RWS/DJV.

troops in transit.

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RMS/DJV.

15/10/43. WJH.

Find out V.K. Amb. sent. c? at Reggio + elsewhere.
Write to H.E. Army to supply.

Done 16/10/43.

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① S.W. R.W. Area Reggio

Main DICKIE.

② Du Howe "beach" Morlie (10km) of REGGIO

③ Main CARLSON w. the ADS of 33 BEIC.

④ One Capr RAME w. the Div. → ADS at COTRANE.

~~⑤ The 1st Div (w. the ADS) are the 1st Div.~~

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Brigadier.
DDMS, No 2 DISTRICT.
(FORTEASE).

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