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WAR LARY FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 44

U.S. A. - Medical Branch

7. Italian General Hospitals to be opened at Lucca, near Florence, 400 beds, Leghorn (150 beds) and Naples (700 beds).
- 14 - 17. Tour of inspection. DAVIS visited medical branches of 8th Army ~~and~~ 1 District <sup>[61000]</sup> inspected 345 Italian Field Hospital with 8th Army.
18. Malaria - October figures were 431 primary, 1431 recurrent cases.
19. Total cases from 1st Jan to 31 Oct 44 in Italian Army are 5065 primary and 29487 recurrent cases.
20. Of the 10,000 Italian military refugees evacuated from Cremona about 450 required admission to hospital on arrival. TROOPERS have authorized the release of the balance of captured Italian medical supplies in M.E.F. to be available to Italian Army.
20. In addition to the normal ration, authority has now been received for the issue of certain items of hospital diets to Italian Military Hospitals.
- 22 - 26. Tour of inspection. DAVIS visited Primi, Cremona and Legnano Combat Groups, inspected medical units and discussed re-equipping problems. Primi and Cremona units completed. Legnano units still in process of re-equipping.
27. Preventive inoculations in the Italian Army is now identical with the ~~British~~ <sup>British</sup> STANDARDS.
28. Strength of the Italian medical personnel is 1630 below authorized 8000 for Base installations. A portion of future recruits are being assigned to the medical services.
30. During the month 20 tons of medical supplies were received ex U.K. and 4.5 tons (captured Italian stocks) from M.E.F. On 15 Nov 44 Italian Military Base Hospitals had 14,083 beds equipped and 5,848 beds occupied. The Italian Navy Medical Services had 2,545 beds equipped and 1400 beds occupied.

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Medical Report for Month of October 1944

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3. DADMS visited and inspected the medical units of the Combat Groups, Friuli and Cremona. Medical personnel and equipment were practically complete.
4. There was a shortage of drivers.
5. Visited Italian H.Q. Campania and MILA Liaison Office.
6. Two Italian Military General Hospitals opened in Florence.
10. Course of instruction in Military Hygiene arranged for Medical Sections of Combat Groups.
11. Public Health Sub Commission of Allied Commission authorized medical supplies to the ex-Italian Military Hospitals, now used for repatriated Ps. O. W. and "over 30-day" military personnel.
12. Consolidated stock sheets giving medical supplies held in all Italian main Depots of Medical Stores received.
17. Small pox appears to be on the increase again in Campania. 5 Military cases have occurred.
18. Approval for issue of limited amounts of special items for hospital patients has been received. Items are milk, rice, semolina, meat extract and margarine.
18. -  
23. DADMS visited AAI, 5th Army and 1 District. German removed about 2500 tons of medical supplies from the former main Italian Depot at Florence in May and June. Supplies said to have been taken to FIRENZE, near Brenner Pass.  
Considerable amounts of certain items, especially raw materials still remain and are being utilized.  
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31. ~~Several III Military hospitals to be opened in 1945.~~  
A further ~~Italian~~ <sup>Italian</sup> ~~Medical~~ <sup>Medical</sup> ~~Hospital~~ <sup>Hospital</sup> ~~(Booths)~~ <sup>(Booths)</sup> is opening in Rome. Will be opened

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Medical Report for Month of September 1944

7th Sep - British Medical Authorities report great improvement in anti-malarial and hygienic discipline of Italian Combat Units.

7-9 " - Maj HENGLIS visited NAPLES and PHUOLI Division - discussed hospital accommodation in CAMPANIA.

15-20 " - Lieut COOPER made tour of inspection of Italian Medical Depot Stores - visited the Depots at NAPLES, AVERNO, BARI, TARANTO (Central Depot) and TARANTO (Italian Navy).

22-25 " - Maj KENZIE visited AVERNO. Was informed that it was unlikely that any further hospital accommodation could be made available to Italian Army Medical Services in CAMPANIA in view of necessity of finding buildings for British Medical Units at present under way. Proceeded to NAPLES and TARANTO on tour of inspection.

25th " - A meeting was held in BARI at which E.A. QUINN and representatives from Medical Branches of the Army, Italian Red Cross, Knights of MALTA and Civil Medical Services attended. The meeting was held to discuss and organise hospital services on a civilian basis for registered sick and wounded Italian soldiers, was refugees, and long term military cases. At present about 8,000 Army beds have been allotted for this purpose in addition to existing civilian accommodation. The Italian Red Cross and Knights of MALTA organisations are taking over the responsibility of this commitment which is certain to become a major one at the end of the war.

28th " - Medical supplies for August and September have arrived from U.K. Distribution to Italian Sub-depots is proceeding fairly well despite some difficulty with transport.

30th " - During the month Italian Military Hospitals at ANCONA, FERUGIA, ABRINO, ARZIO, FLORENCE (2) and ROMA have been or are in the process of being opened. Several hospitals in CALABRIA and SARDINIA have been closed. All Medical Units have been given a fixed War Establishment in order to facilitate the checking of rations.

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WAR DIARY - MEDICAL

August 1944

- 1st Received a copy of report on research on Bacteriological Warfare made by Italian Army between 1934 and 1939. Col. ~~Reinhold~~ and Lt-Col Giuseppe Morselli are the names of the principal medical officers associated with this work. All information has been forwarded to HQ AAI by Lt-Col Moore, Rome Area Command.
- 7th DADMS visited HQ AAI. Discussed medical units, W.I., etc., of medical units for combat groups and GHQ troops.
- 9th Medical other rank staff for Depot at Taranto reported for duty
- 16th Hospital situation in Campania again becoming acute due to influx of troops from Sardinia and other regions. Certain buildings being made available.
- 17th Medical units of Friuli Division have arrived from Sardinia. One medical Section and 2 Field Hospitals.
- 18th Hospital situation in Ancona becoming acute. 100 beds in Ancona allotted. 2 Field Hospitals for CIL to be placed under command 209 Division in near future.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Lt Cooper visited Depot at Taranto. Work proceeding smoothly  
- 21st but many faults in Italian equipping and staffing of Depot.
- 22nd DADMS visited AAI on subject of Combat Groups and medical supplies.
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26<sup>th</sup> Col Kerr sends for Gen Crilia and Gen Caldarola - attention  
drawn to unsatisfactory state of Italian Depot Medical Stores at  
Taranto.

29<sup>th</sup> Small pox epidemic appears to be waning. Typhoid <sup>reported</sup>  
at Benevento area. 4338

30<sup>th</sup> Visited AAI. Discussed medical arrangements of Combat  
Groups, GHQ troops and hospital trains.

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MONTHLY MEDICAL REPORT FOR JULY

8. 328 repatriated sick and wounded Ps.W. disembarked Taranto. Arrangements for all future arrivals will be made by Italian Civil Authorities.
10. Central Depot Medical Stores opened at Taranto.
11. Small pox among civilian population at Afragola reaching epidemic proportions. Only two cases among Italian military to date. Vaccination of all Italian Army was completed on 22 June 44.
17. Visited AAI and interviewed Col Chalke (ADH), Major Austin (DADMS Admin) and Capt Downes (S/Capt Supplies).
18. Visited Public Health Sub Commission and interviewed Lt Col Fazell.
19. General Caldarola visited Col Kerr on subject of Ps.W. admitted to military units on 8th. Gen Caldarola gave assurances that this would cease after 25 July 44.
20. Discussed medical supply arrangements with Cept Gelardi MMIA IO CIL.
21. 3 Million meperine tablets received from Allied sources.
22. Visited Financial Advisor AAI. Ruling given that captured Italian medical supplies handed over to Italians ~~are~~ chargeable and will be accounted for in the same manner as British supplies.
24. Shipping arrangements of disinfectants to Sardinia very unsatisfactory.
25. In accordance with orders issued in respect of 30 days limit for patients in hospital, the arrangements for the further care of these patients were completed. Certain military and Red Cross hospitals were handed over complete with all equipment to the civil authorities. Other rank personnel of the staffs were demobilised. Medical officers are retained on the strength of the Army pending replacement by civilian doctors. All are now rationed and received medical supplies from civilian or ACC sources. Total personnel involved are 5,000 patients and 1,000 other ranks of the Medical Corps. A saving of 6,000 military rations is effected.
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MONTHLY MEDICAL REPORT FOR JUNE

- Date 4 Advanced Italian Depot Medical Stores sent to Vasto to cater for needs of Italian troops in Adriatic sector.
- 12 DADMS visited Bari. Interviewed ADMS 2 District concerning Bonomo hospital - visited hospital and medical stores. Was later asked to state Italian case for rentention to G.O.C.
- 14 2 District decide to requisition remaining part of Bonomo for Allied use. Full consideration was given to both Allied and Italian demands.
- 15 14649 patients in hospital on Mainland, Sardinia and Sicily.
- 19 Some hospital accommedation in Campania and Sicily shortly to be returned.
- 20 AFHQ order release of all captured medical supplies in Sicily. Six medical dispensaries ready to move to PBS. Inspected on 27th.
- 23 Visited Taranto on formation of Italian Depot Medical Stores. Lt. Cooper RAMC (temporarily attached) reported for duty.
- 26 2/Lt Tregunna RAMC (temporarily attached) reported for duty.
- 27 The ruling that certain Italian Army personnel who are over 30 days in hospital are now to be removed from the ration strength, demobilised and sent to civil hospitals, involves many problems. Italian Ministry of War state that civil hospital organisation is not at present capable of dealing with such cases and have propos proposed allotting certain of their hospitals to a civil organisation similar to the Red Cross and under the civil jurisdiction of Ministry of the Interior. Repatriated P.W., patients with tuberculosis, mental disease and other chronic cases will be transferred from the Army and be fed from civilian AOC resources. Medical supplies will also be made from civil sources.

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Supplies of disinfectants have been released but transport facilities, especially shipping, is very difficult to obtain. Disinfectants for Sardinia, released for May, are still awaiting shipping.

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REPORT FOR MONTH OF MAY 44 - MEDICAL

- 1 May Strength of Italian Army Medical Corps as at 25.4.44 - 10,028 all ranks.
- 2-7 May DAMS visited Naples and Caserta. Interviews with Medical Staff at AAI. Medical Staff of Italian Forces, Campania and O.C. Command Medical Stores. Main subjects discussed were medical supplies, Italian Army hospital accommodation in Campania and redistribution of mepacrine.
- 10 May Arrangements re formation of Italian Depot Medical Stores at Taranto for reception of U.K. supplies. Available about 16 June 44.
17. Indents for supplies from U.K. for September submitted.
18. First release of disinfectants and other RASC supplies released.
- 20 Delay in formation of Ambulance Car Platoon for use of Italian Services greatly handicaps redistribution of patients from crowded to less crowded areas. Fortunately arrival of 64 Ambulance Car Section from Sardinia has relieved situation for combatant units.
- 27 - 31. DAMS visited Naples, AAI, 5 Corps HQ, 60 Sub Area and 2 District. Main subjects under discussion being medical supplies, move of C.I.L. and Nambu Division to Adriatic Sector, hospital trains and formation of Advanced Depot Medical Stores at Vasto.
- 31 Average daily number of patients in hospital is 12,700 during the month. Further 150,000 doses calf lymph issued to Italians making a total of 255,000 doses to date.

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MEDICAL REPORT FOR MONTH OF APRIL

1. AMMO have laid down that all captured medical equipment belonging to the Italian Armed Forces will be handed back.
2. Special diets for patients in hospitals have been requested. The matter has been referred to TROOPERS, and GCOE for decision.
3. An Italian Central Depot Medical Stores with a British liaison staff is being established at TARANTO for the reception of supplies from U.K.
4. 100,000 doses calf lymph have been issued to Italian Army.
5. Release of 5,600,000 tablets neopacrine has been made to Italian Armed Forces for Sardinia, Sicily and Calabria.
6. SIX Field Hospitals arrived ex Sardinia.
7. Hospital accommodation now provides 6% cover for Italian Army and Air Force on Mainland but more accommodation necessary in Campania.
8. 93 Medical Section and 315 Ospedale da Campo placed under command 8th Army.
9. 40,000 cos Typhus Vaccine supplied to Italian Army.
10. 170 wounded and sick repatriated + Italian Po.O.W. arrived TARANTO.

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OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO 11

DEFENCE OF CALABRIA

Ref map 1/250000 Southern Italy

Army Sub Commission ACC for transmission to 31 Italian Corps

INTRODUCTION

- 1 The military command of the region of CALABRIA passed to 31 Italian Corps on 30 Oct 1943.
- 2 The town of RECCIO and the portion of the region of CALABRIA beginning at the mouth of the stream at D 448507, thence generally Eastward upstream to 46 Easting grid, thence South along 46 Easting grid to River ANTELENA at D 4642, thence generally Westward downstream to mouth of river at 449420 was transferred to the control of No 1 District on 3 Feb 1944 and is therefore not covered by this instruction.
- 3 211 Coastal Div, 212 Coastal Div and certain Corps troops are being withdrawn from CALABRIA and the MARTOVA Div is being reinforced.
- 4 The maintenance and upkeep of the roads and the reconstruction of bridges will shortly be taken over by the civil road organisation working under the control of the ACC Public Works and Utilities Sub Commission as directed by CE 2 District.

EXEMPTION

- 5 To define the responsibilities and tasks of 31 Italian Corps.

ANTICIPATED SCALE OF ENEMY ACTION

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TASKS OF 31 CORPS

Within CALABRIA.

- (a) To protect road lines of communication REGGIO - NAINES and REGGIO - TARANTO.
- (b) To protect the railway lines of communication, REGGIO - CROTONE - TARANTO.
- (c) To protect vulnerable points as shown at Appx A.
- (d) To maintain Internal Security. On request from ACC or the Civil authorities the GOC 31 Corps will take action to support the Civil authorities in the maintenance of law and order.

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ADM. TASKS OF 31 CORPS

- 2 (a) To maintain the existing staging areas, including the provision of necessary medical and recovery facilities.

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- 8 (b) To guard and maintain the Bailey and temporary bridges (as show in appx B) until such a time as they are replaced by permanent bridges by the ACC.
- (c) To complete the building of the bridges now under construction (as shown in appx C).
- (d) To continue to maintain the roads until this responsibility is taken over by the ACC.
- (e) To provide transport as required for road maintenance by the civil road organisation.
- (f) To provide a maximum of 250 men for labour and guards at CHOTORE and 60 lorries and drivers for the transport of timber.
- (g) To provide medical attention and hospital facilities for Allied troops as required.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

9 Communication with Hq 2 District will be through the Army Sub Commission ACC via the W/T link already in being.

EQUIPMENT

10 GOC 31 Corps is requested to submit to this HQ by 12 March a copy of the Corps Instruction showing the plan and dispositions for carrying out the above tasks. ||

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CALABRIA  
VULNERABLE POINTS

APPX A to  
2 District Operation  
Instruction No 11  
dated 17 Mar 44

	<u>Place</u>	<u>Map Ref</u>	<u>Character</u>
1	SILV	Z 1572	Hydro-Electric Plant
2	L AMFOLLINO	Z 2570	Hydro-Electric Water Plant
3	CROTONI	Z 7158	Port
4	ISOLA CAPO REZZUTO	Z 6745	Airfield
5	DIPIGLIANO	Y 9675	Supply Dump

APPX B TO  
2 District Operation  
Instruction No 11

Dated 17 Mar 44

LIST OF BAILEY AND  
TEMPORARY TIMBER BRIDGES

Serial	Map Ref	Type	Class	Description
<u>DRAGIO - NECAHENS LAG-NEGRO ROAD</u>				
B 11	D 5464 (MAYAZZINE)	BAILEY 70' x 80' TS	30	On main rd. Diversion through fly tunnel.
B 12	D 5867 (BACON)	BAILEY 120' DS	12	On main rd, spans village rd, diversion through village.
B 13	D 6181 (FERRAL R)	BAILEY 140' DD	30	On diversion, timber br, started on diversion next to bailey.
B 14	D 7591 (MECTA-1)	BAILEY 90' TS	40	On secondary rd. Timber br started on main rd, at 27500, cl 10; estimated completion date 25 Mar 44. Remaining bridge at 27500.
B 15	V 2222 (ANGILOLA)	BAILEY 2/50' SS 4/40' SS	30	On main rd over existing piara. Diversion over by
B 16	Z 0224 (COTIOLA)	BAILEY 150' DD	24	On main rd higher by on diversion upstream.
B 17	Z 0735 (ALATO R)	BAILEY 140' TS	24	On diversion upstream there is a timber-br approach to Bailey, also a few staves by on another diversion.
B 18	Z 0655 Z 0556	Timber stall	24	On main rd

B 14	D 7323 (ALBERTA R)	BAILEY 90' TS	40	On secondary rd. Timber br started on main rd. at D7390 of 40; estimated completion date 15 May 44. Rebuilding bridge at MILLER.
B 15	Y 5222 (ANGELICA)	BAILEY 2/50' SS 4/40' SS	30	On main rd over existing Piera. Diversion on over by br
B 16	E 0234 (COTTOLA)	BAILEY 150' DD	24	On main rd timber br on diversion upstream.
B 17	T 0735 (ALBERTA R)	BAILEY 140' TS	24	1. Diversion upstream there is a timber-br approach to Bailey, also a new timber br on another diversion.
1	Z 0655	Timber small	24	On main rd.
2	Z 0556	Timber small	24	On main rd.
3	Z 0660	Timber	24	On main rd. No diversion possible. <b>4031</b>
4	L 0069	Timber	24	On main rd.
5	Y 9479	Timber	60	On main rd.
6	T 9423	Timber	24	On main rd.
7	T 9357	Timber	24	On main rd over small stream.
8	T 7057	Timber	40	On main rd.
9	T 5271 (LACROIX)	BAILEY 110' DS	24	On main rd, no diversion possible

BAILEY - LACROIX ROAD

T 4064  
(ALBERTA)

Rebuilding permanent  
tunnel to replace BAILEY.



Appx C to  
 2 District Operation  
 Instruction No II  
 dated 1 Mar 44

BRIDGES UNDER CONSTRUCTION  
BY 31 ITALIAN CORPS

Bridge Serial No.	Location of Work	Nature of Work	Date Started	Agency
<u>CALABRIA</u>				
<u>REGGIO - MICASPL</u>				
B 13	D 6582 (Fetruince)	Replacements of Bailey by piled timber bridge	Nov 43	31 Italian Corps
	D 7576 (Metrame)	Rebuilding Bridge conc piers with temp timber deck	Feb 44	31 Italian Corps
<u>NICASTRO - LECORNEGRO</u>				
	Z 6167	Rebuilding permanent bridge	Jan 44	31 Italian Corps
	T 9428 (Goselli)	Erection of piled timber bridge.	Feb 44	31 Italian Corps

TRANSMISSION

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO  
UFFICIO SERVIZI - Sezione S.M.

Ref: 1/1145/Serv.

15 March 44.

Subject: Supply of Drugs to Garibaldi Div.

To: M.M.I.A.

The immediate and broad understanding of the need of medical supplies in which the Italian Combattants in Montenegro stood, which may mean saving many lives, has deeply impressed me, both as Chief of Staff and as a man.

I particularly wish to express to M.M.I.A., my most heartfelt gratitude as well as that of those forming the Garibaldi Division, for the efficient and immediate help given to solve the problem of delivery of said medical supplies.

(signed) THE CHIEF OF STAFF  
(P. BERARDI)

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