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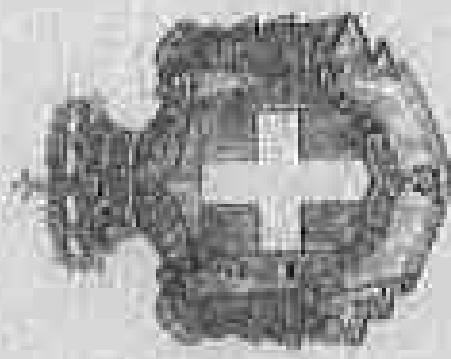
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Central Italian Depot Med Store

May 1944 - Apr 1946

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Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE
LEVA SOTTUFFICIALI E TRUPPA

Divisione Settuiff. Ia. 37

Incl. N. 382/23937 Allegato

Mod. 2

Roma 9 APRILE 1946

COMANDO MILITARE TERR/L3
Ufficio Personale - Sezione ord.

ROMA

Maresc. Cape fant. c. c. TURIANO Bruno - cl: 1904

OGGETTO

e. per concessione:



ROMA M/14/229

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB.COMMISSION A.C. (EMIA)

(rif. lett. M/14/230 del 29.3.1946)

ALLA DIREZIONE GEN/LE DI SANITA' MILITARE

Divisione III - Sez. C.P.

(rif. f. 4.4.1946 n° 6/3397/MT/1968)

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE

ALL'ISTITUTO CHIMICO FARMACEUTICO

AL COMANDO DISTRETTO MILITARE

S E D E

F I R E N Z E

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ROMA

Il dispaccio stesso numero in data 18 marzo 1946 relativo al me-
vigente del Maresc. Cape

T U R I A N O Bruno

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è annullato.

Il settufficiale è invece trasferito dal Magazzino Sanitario Cen-
trale della Magliana nella forza amministrativa del Distretto milita-
re di Roma.

IL TURIANO deve considerarsi comandato in servizio isolato pres-
so l'Istituto Chimico Farmaceutico militare in Rifredi (Firenze) qual
interprete e disposizione del personale inglese celà distaccato per
trattare rifornimenti sanitari, fine al termine del particolare ser-
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vizio che si prevede non superiore a tre mesi.

Nelle conseguenti variazioni matricolari citare il presente di-
spaccio.

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

Seen

LDAMS

S/Capt

File Ref

Date Received

17/11/1947

30 APR 1948

P. IL MINISTRO
(Efisio Cugusi)



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Subject:- Medical Stores - Italian Depot.

Medical Branch
Land Forces Sub-Commission
A.C. (M.I.A.)

DADMS

S/Cpt

File No:

M/14/390.

Date Received

20 APR 1946

O.C.,
No. 2. B.D.M. Stores,
MESTRE, C.M.F.

Med

MEDICAL DIRECTORATE,
G.H.Q., C.M.F.
No. 4185.
19 Apr 46.

5669 20 APR 1946 RECEIVED

Reference your Signal MB/10 dated 15 Apr 46 and letter No. MB/10/46 of same date.

1. The Central Italian Depot of Medical Stores have been moved to Florence - new address is as follows:-

ISTITUTO CHIMICO FARMACEUTICO MILITARE,
RIFRIDI, FLORENCE.

RAM/NER.

5316
W. W. W. W.
W. W. W.
Brigadier, D.M.S.

Copy to:- D.A.D.M.S., Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) ROME, C.M.F. ✓

(Will you please arrange for the consignment to be forwarded on to the consignee).

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Subject: Medical Division Officer.

Land Forces Sub Commission,
(A.C.), M.H.I.A., ROME.
Reference: M/14/229.
29th March 1946.

Ministry of War,
Direzione Gen. Leva
Sottufficiale e Truppa Div. Sottuff.

Maresciallo TURIANO, Bruno Italian Army Medical Services.

In continuation of this letter No. M/14/229 dated 12th March 1946,
regarding the above named.

This office has no objection to him being posted to FLORENCE, (I.C.F.M.),
for three months temporary duty.

GCW

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

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Memorandum regarding the move of W.O. (Maresciallo) TURIANO
Bruno, interpreter with the Medical Liaison Officer in
Florence.

The Ministry of War has posted me to Florence permanently, instead of temporarily as I had expected.

In the Chemical Establishment of Florence (I.C.F.M.) everyone lives out and so must I without receiving no extra pay for living out expenses.

If, instead, the Ministry of War posted me temporarily to Florence, then I would become eligible for a living out allowance. I sh

The reason why I am not eligible for a living allowance at present is that, having been posted here permanently, its up to me to take my family & household goods there, but with a housing scarcity this is absolutely impossible.

On that account I have made an application to the Ministry of War - forwarded by Capt. Stephens - explaining the situation & asking to consider the move temporarily.

The War Office to whom I have spoken this noontime while delivering the application, says to do that, the period of my temporarily permanence in Florence should not exceed the 3 months.

For that, they need a letter written by you from which appears that the permanence of the English Personnel at the Institute will presumably not exceed that period of 3 months.

I should like this to be done.

Rome, 28 March 1946

Maresc. Bruno Turiano
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Subject: Medical Liaison Officer

Land Forces Sub Comm.

A.C. (MMIA)

ROME

M/14/229

12 March 46

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

Maresciallo TURIANO, Brano Italiano Army
Medical Services

Since the Italian Central Depot of Medical Stores
MACELLANA will close in the near future and the above named,
who has been acting as Interpreter, will be free, would it
be possible to post him to the Istituto Chimico Farmaceutico
FLORENCE to carry out similar duties with the British staff who
are posted to FLORENCE to deal with medical supplies.

/RBC

H. S. Th. Lapt
for Major,
D.A.D.M.S.
M.M.L.A. 5313

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Subject: Central Depot Medical Stores - ROME

Land Forces Sub Comm.

A.C. (MIA)

ROME

14/11/190

28 Feb 46

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

Reference SLOW letter 360/CD of 16 Feb 46.

Owing to the large amount of medical stores still at the Depot at MACLIANA, it will be necessary to retain its present staff for a further period of one month for the purpose of checking and despatch of remaining stores to FLORENCE.

/REG

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

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Subject: Italian Central Depot of
Medical Stores - Personnel

Land Forces Sub Comm.

A.C. (MIA)

ROME

W/11/3281

12 Oct 45

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

Reference concentration Capt. Cooper - Ten. Basilisco
of 11 Oct 45.

The Sgt-Major employed in the office at Magliana
has volunteered to remain in the Army for a further period.

It is considered that his removal from present
employment would be detrimental to the working efficiency
of the Depot, under present circumstances. This condition
is likely to persist for at least another 8 months.

In any case, this M.C.C. must not be discharged
without having been relieved by a competent person who
should be given an opportunity to learn his duties before
the Sgt-Major is discharged.

Please treat as urgent.

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Lieut-Col.

A.D.M.S.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MIA)

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Subject:-Packing of Medical Stores.

Medical Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub CommAC,
M.M.I.A., ROME.
I/92/45.
15 Sept 45.

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

What is wanted at this Depot is a Banding machine, and with several British and American units being disbanded it should be possible to obtain one. Could the Italian Ministry of War be asked to try and purchase such a machine.

R. A. M. C.
Capt. R.A.M.C.
Medical Liaison Officer.

M/14/3165.

Spoke to M.W.

P/A

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Subject :- Italian Medical Stores. *Med*

Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA) ROME

Reference your enquiries through Movements Naples regarding the forwarding of Medical Stores (ITI-ITI) from Port of Naples to Roma - Ostiense Station (Magliana).

1. The following procedure has been in operation, as laid down in your M/14/859 of 2 Mar 45, during my appointment as NCO IC Port Detachment RAMC.
2. All Medical Stores (ITI-ITI) are cleared from docks to Depot 590 Naples under supervision of MMIA representatives and all further movement is arranged by S/Sgt Reek of United States Army on the staff of MMIA Naples.
3. A certain amount of laxity has been apparent in the collection of Medical Stores (ITI-ITI) from the docks area with the result that stores are delayed in transit. The representatives assigned to the duty of supervising stores in the docks area do not appear to realise the importance of a quick clearance of stores to the local Depot.
4. Any further enquiries regarding Medical Stores (ITI-ITI) should be directed to MMIA Naples.

Thos Emerson
NCO IC 11 Port Det RAMC.

29 Aug 45

Copy to :- AFMS 56 Area
ESO (Imports) Port of Naples.

M/14/3063

P/A

Sgt Emerson
is somewhat
misinformed.
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No action
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Health Sub-Commission

AO/3072/11/PH

6 March 1945

SUBJECT: - Medical Supplies,

TO : - CCMD - Naples.
BCMD - Florence.

1. The Italian Central Depot of medical stores of (MMIA) is now located in Rome.
2. All medical supplies arriving from overseas marked "III-III Mangle" or Army Sub-Commission (MMIA) or Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA) should be redirected to Rome Ostiense Station (Magliana).
3. The above is only for your information.

For Brigadier G.S. PARKINSON:

FRANCIS W. BUSHARD,
Captain G.S.
Medical Supply Officer.

FWB/mtc

Copy to MMIA (Land Forces Sub-Commission.)

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Subject: Italian Central Depot of Medical Stores

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (AMIA)
ROME,
M/14/859

2 March 45

1. The Italian Central Depot of Medical Stores, which receives supplies from U.K. and M.E.F. for the Italian Armed Forces, has moved from Taranto to Rome.
2. It is located at the Italian Engineer Depot, Magliana, Rome and all medical supplies arriving from overseas marked "III-III Hackle" or "Army Sub Commission (AMIA)" or "Land Forces Sub Commission (AMIA)" should be redirected from port of arrival and convey notes for movement of stores within Italy endorsed:-

ROMA - Ostiense Station (Magliana)

3. The postal address for official correspondence for the British Liaison Staff attached to the Depot is as shown at the head of this letter.
4. It is requested that all RAMC Port Detachments and Depots of Medical Stores be informed.
5. AMIA Branch offices at ports are now responsible for forwarding these supplies ex U.K. and M.E.F. to the Central Depot, Rome.
An escort, obtained from the Italian Army Medical Corps, will always accompany consignments of stores from port of arrival to the Depot at Rome.

W. G. Haggie

Major.

Commission (MIA) or "Land Forces Sub Commission (MIA)" should be received from port of arrival and convey notes for movement of stores within Italy endorsed:-

RMA - Ostiense Station (Magliana)

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/RBC

Land Forces Sub Comm. (MIA)

Distribution:

DMS AFHQ (12)
DMS 15 Army Group (2)
Surgeon P.B.S. (2)
DMS 1 District (10)
DMS 2 District (10)
DMS 3 District (20)
ADMS R.A.A.C. (4)
Public Health Sub Comm. AC. (3)
Navy Sub Comm. AC. (2 - one for Navy Medical Direct.)
Air Force Sub Comm. AC. (2 + one for Air Force Med. Direct.)

MIA LO c/o 52 Area (4)
MIA LO c/o 54 Area (6)
MIA LO c/o PBS South (8)
MIA LO c/o ALSCM Sicily (4)
MIA LO c/o ALSCM Sardinia (2)
Ministry of War, Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare (4)

Internal - 'C' (3)
S/T (20)
Mov. LO. (3)
Spares (20)

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Subject: -Change of Location.

Port Commandant,
TARANTO.

SECRET.
Medical Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Command AC,
M.M.I.A. 52 Area, C.M.F.
9/42/45.
27/FEB/45.

CENTRAL ITALIAN DEPOT MEDICAL STORES, TARANTO, will close on 27/FEB/45, and re-open in ROME at a later date. Kindly arrange to re-direct all Medical Stores for ITI HACKLE, ARMY SUB. COMM., HACKLE and Italian Medical Stores HACKLE or TARANTO arriving at "heel" ports to:-
CENTRAL ITALIAN DEPOT MEDICAL STORES,
ITALIAN ARMY ENGINEER STORE DEPOT,
MAGLIANA,
ROME.

H. G. Stephen
Lieut (Q.M.) R.A.M.C.
Medical Liaison Officer.

Copies to:- D.A.D.M.S., MMIA, ROME. ✓
Port Commandant, BARI.
Port Commandant, BRINDISI.
Port Detachment, HANC, BRINDISI.
M.I. Room, TARANTO DOCKS.
MMIA, LO, BARI.
4. B.D.M.S.
10. C.M.S.
576 S.S.D.
1015 Port Operating Coy.
1061 Docks Operating Coy.

PIA

W.H. →
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W. Cooper
M/14/857
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CONFIDENTIAL

FOR MIA MEDICAL LO (.) FIRST (.) ITALIAN GENERAL
DEPOT OF MEDICAL STORES MOVING BY RAIL FROM TARANTO
TO ROME WITHIN PERIOD 26 FEB TO 4 MARCH (.) CLOSE
AND PACK IMMEDIATELY (.) SECOND (.) SEND ONE
BRITISH INSECTARIAN CMA ONE ITALIAN OFFICER AND TWO
OTHER RATES AS ADVANCE PARTY TO ROME BUT REMAIN
YOUR ONE VEHICLE (.) LETTER FOLLOWS

IMPORTANT

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MIA

A/Q

Ministry of War Sanita

Subject:- Report.

D.A.D.M.S.,
Land Forces Sub Comm AC,
M.M.I.A.,
ROME.

Medical Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm AC,
M.M.I.A. 52 Area, C.M.F.
7/35/45.
15/FEB/45.

Report in accordance with your letter M/14/2302 dated 18/NOV/44.

STRENGTH.

Italian Officers	5	
Italian Soldiers	30	V.E. 37

BUILDINGS.

No change. Both depots are full at present. Further accommodation is being investigated.

TRANSPORT.

One 15 cwt Dodge on loan from H.Q. MMIA. All other transport off the road awaiting tyres.

① See DAYT.

CLOTHING.

Satisfactory except for boots. About 20 pairs are still required

② Release has been sent. 12/2

MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

All issues have been made with the exception of Bari's requirements for January. 1,500 cases of dressings have been received from HQ MEF, 300 cases of mixed drugs from 14 B.D.M.S. and 300 cases of drugs and dressings from 4 B.D.M.S., since my last report was rendered. No stores have been received from East Africa.

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TR/

H.A. Stratford
Lieut (Q.M.S.) R.A.M.C.
Medical Liaison Officer.

12/2 → Lt. Cooper & others ① ②

21/11/68

East Africa

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

15 1130 A

TO (FOR ACTION): AFHQ

TO (FOR INFO): RAAC

REF NO: AQ2798

SECRET

YOUR FX24670 DATED 11 FEB REFERS (.) HAVE FOUND SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION
ITALIAN MED DEPOT ROME AREA (.) THIS ACCOMMODATION AGREED RAAC (.)
ADDRESSES DEPOSITO GENIO MILITARE MAGLIANA ^{ROME} (.) REQUEST YOU ORDER MOVE
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PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

INTERNAL DIST:

DADMS

Bemmeno

11/14/69

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Subject:- Report.

A/9

D.A.D.M.S.,
Land Forces Sub Comm AC,
M.M.I.A.,
ROME.

[Handwritten signature]

Medical Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm AC,
M.M.I.A. 52 Area, C.M.F.
7/26/45.
1/FEB/45.

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Report in accordance with your letter M/I4/2302 dated 18/NOV/44?

STRENGTH.

Italian Officers 5.
Italian Soldiers. 32.

The Italian O.C. Depot Maggiore Melchionna has been posted to Catanzaro. His duties have been taken over by Capitano Ubaldini, who I think will be a more capable Officer.

BUILDINGS.

No change.

TRANSPORT.

One 15 cwt Dodge on loan from M.M.I.A., one small car from Italian Ministry of War. This car requires new tyres before it is safe to be put on the road. One three ton Fiat off the road awaiting new tyres. The only really servicable truck available for all purposes at the Depot is the 15 cwt Dodge, and it would be greatly appreciated if this truck could be retained.

CLOTHING.

Satisfactory.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

Medical Supplies from U.K. arrived on the 1/FEB/45, taking one month to come from B.M.I. Outstanding supplies expected from NAIROBI are still awaited.

BUILDINGS.

No change.

TRANSPORT.

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CLOTHING.

Satisfactory.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

Medical Supplies from U.K. arrived on the 1/FEB/45, taking one month to come from BARI. Outstanding supplies expected from NAIROBI are still awaited.

TONNAGE.

Shipping tonnage for the month of January:- 250 tons approx.

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TR/

Avia.

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To be
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DAD 5/2

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Medical

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Lt Col J. G. Stephens.
Lieut (Q.M.) R.A.M.C.
Medical Liaison Officer.

11/1/46

Subject:- Report.

Medical Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm AC,
M.M.I.A. 52 Area, C.M.F.
M/96/14.
30/DLC/44.

D.A.D.M.S.,
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.,
M.M.I.A. ROME.

Report in accordance with your letter W/14/2302
dated 18/NOV/44.

Strength.

Italian Officers
Italian Soldiers

BUILDINGS, TRANSPORT & CLOTHING.

No change.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

The December consignment of Medical Supplies from U.K. have not been received. Two large consignments of dressings etc, have been received from the Middle East. The supplies expected from NAIROBI have not arrived. All demands, except the December issues have been met as far as possible.

Shipping tonnage for December = 500 tons approx.

W.H. → C.M.
M/14/41
Lieut (Q.M) R.A.M.C.
Medical Liaison Officer.

TR/

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Subject: Acceptance Notes

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MIA)
ROME
W/14/2691
27 Dec 44

Medical LO MIA
c/o ADMS 52 Area

W.e.f. 1st January, 1945, Acceptance Notes should
be numbered - Medical/1, 2, 3, etc.

Trans. US & UK.

Rehanded to General

/REG

Agreed by T. Roe.

30/12/44.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MIA)

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

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Subject:- Report.

Medical Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm AC,
M.M.I.A. 52 Area, C.M.F.
M/89/44.
18/DEC/44.

D.A.D.M.S.,
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.,
M.M.I.A.,
ROME.

Report in accordance with your letter M/I4/2302 dated 18/NOV/44

STRENGTH.

Italian Officers	6 (2 in hospital)
Italian soldiers	35 (3 on P.O.W. leave)

BUILDINGS, CLOTHING & TRANSPORT.

No change.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

All November issues have been completed as far as possible. No U.K. Medical Supplies for December have been received. The November issues to NAPLES included two ten ton railway trucks of dressings. Supplies expected from NAIROBI have not yet been received. Medical Supplies for San Gallo Hospital, FLORENCE, are being prepared with all possible speed, and will be dispatched within the next day or two.

2.1.44
AG to see and return.

TR/

WAA
18/12.

H.A. Stephen
Lieut (Q.M) R.A.M.C.
Medical Liaison Officer.

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M/14/2574

Subject:- Report

Medical Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm AC,
M.M.I.A. 52 Area, C.M.F.
29/NOV/44.
M/69/44.

D.I.D.M.S.,
Land Forces Sub Comm, A.C.,
M.M.I.A.,
ROME.

M/14/2423

Report in accordance with your letter M/14/2302 DATED 18/NOV

STRENGTH.

Italian Officers
Italian Soldiers

6
37

BUILDINGS.

Two buildings are being used for storage, receipt, and dispatch of Medical Supplies. These two buildings are sufficient for present commitments.

A new cook-house has been built adjacent to the Depot at Cimino for; the use of the Italian Soldiers. No mess room, ablution shed or recreation room is provided. I suggest a large tent be provided to serve the dual purpose of mess room and recreation room, with some suitable heating arrangements. The local Italian authorities are unable to supply anything in the nature of a tent.

TENT + STOVE(s)
Lt Col - see M.O.W.

CLOTHING.

A few of the Italian soldiers are still wearing summer clothing, and without proper boots. The greatcoats and other winter clothing expected, has not arrived. The clothing, boots, etc, would last much longer if proper arrangements were made to have them repaired locally. The O.C. Depot, does not know of any way of getting repairs carried out for the Italian Soldiers.

Lt Stevens to get Italian O.C. to submit an estimate for repairs.

TRANSPORT.

The transport consists of a 3 ton Italian lorry, and a Dodge 15 cwt, on loan from H.Q. MMIA. The car which has arrived for use of the M.I.O. is still unservicable. I am able to make local arrangements with

the duel purpose of mess room and recreation room, which some of the heating arrangements. The local Italian authorities are unable to supply anything in the nature of a tent.

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St. Cooper - see M. of W.

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St. Stevens to get Italian O.C. to submit an indent list of 4500 items.

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St. Cooper to collect an indent list

MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

The handling of supplies is working very smoothly, all indents up to the end of October have been met as far as possible. A consignment of Medical Supplies consisting of 510 cases was received from M.E.F., on the 20/NOV/44. Issue vouchers for stores from Nairobi have been received, showing large quantities of drugs, etc, for this Depot. These drugs have not yet been received. The vouchers are dated 16/OCT/, but no date or mode of conveyance is shown. No stores have arrived from U.K. for the November issues, also 13 cases are still outstanding from the October consignment. It is desirable, to save loss in transit, to send escorts with all stores despatched from this Depot, the escort being provided from the Depot staff. This system curtails the number of men available for everyday work in the Depot, and it would be greatly appreciated if such duties could be carried out by men from other nearby Italian Units.

Instructions are still awaited regarding the disposal of 120 cases of Medical Supplies received from an American source. The cases were consigned to the Italian Medical Depot (MMIA)

Monthly shipping tonnage is approx. 269 T

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Subject: Italian Personnel - Central Medical Depot
Taranto

Military Mission
Italian Army,
ROME
15/10/2034
16 Oct 44

Ministry of War,
Missions Gen. di San. Mil.

Copy to: MHA Medical LG c/c 52 Area

Attached is a copy of a letter received from MHA L.O.
Taranto Depot Medical Stores.

1. Please inform immediately the Italian staff at Taranto
of the leave regulations as ordered in MHA letter A/17 of
16 Oct 44, copy attached for your information.
Your attention is directed to paras 1(a) and 1(b).

2. Leave will not be granted to any personnel if interfering
with the work of the Depot.

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

File

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

785020

Subject :- Italian Personnel.

Medical Liaison Officer
M.M.I.A. 52 Area CMF.
Ref; No. P/1/44.
8th, Oct; 1944.

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

I would like to point out that the Junior Italian Officers doing duty at this Depot appear to take leave when they think fit- at present two have been away for about a week. This seriously hampers the receiving and dispatching of drugs etc from this depot.

May the question of leave be regularised please.

HAS/

John Stephens
Lieut. (QM) R.A.M.C.
Medical Liaison Officer M.M.I.A

Pending. See B.C.'A'

M/14/2024
5296

Subject: Leave - Italian Military Personnel.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AG/17

6 Oct 44

To: MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Leave may be granted to Italian Military Personnel under the following terms and conditions :

- (a) Where Italian Military Personnel are under Allied Command, leave will not be granted without the prior consent of the Allied Commander who will decide whether the Military situation permits the granting of leave.
- (b) Leave may be granted for a period of 7 days, excluding travelling time, not more than once in six months.
- (c) Compassionate leave may be granted in deserving cases subject to approval by an officer of the Italian Army of rank of Colonel or above, for 14 days excl travelling time, including the period of compassionate leave will on return be placed at the bottom of the roster for ordinary leave.
- (d) Not more than 5% of a unit may be away on privilege and compassionate leave at any one time.
- (e) Rations will NOT be drawn for, or issued to, personnel on leave.
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(i) Anywhere within area to rear of Army Security Control Line.
(ii) Fwd of the Army Security Control Line only with approval of Army, District or Base Section concerned.
- (c) Leave will not be granted to personnel in SICILY or SARDINIA to visit places outside those Islands.
Similarly personnel on the Mainland will not be granted leave to places outside the Mainland.

3. The Army Security Control Line referred to in para 2 above has been established for the specific purpose of restricting and controlling movement of personnel into fwd operational areas.

This line consists of a series of check posts, which are manned continuously to prevent access to fwd areas by persons not in possession of a pass.

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This line will be adjusted from time to time: the following is the present line:-

FIUMESINO S.4951 - JESI - FABRIANO S.1217 - FOSSATO R.9912 -
PERUGIA - MAGIONE W.5396 - N of L TRASIMENO - SINALUNGA
R.1605 - SIENA - VOLTERRA - CECINA.

These towns defining the Boundary are inclusive to the unrestricted leave area.

4. PERMITS.

Where troops may travel to or within any specified area only at discretion of appropriate Army, District or Base Section (see para 2 (b) if above), a permit authorising such travel will be issued by appropriate HQ. No person without such permit will be permitted to travel to or in that area.

5. The discretion of Army, District or Base Section will not be exercised in favour of any person who cannot give good reasons for spending leave in the area in question by reason of location of his home, family or business.

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7. TRANSPORT.

No demand on Allied Military sea, rail or road facilities will be made for personnel going on leave. The movement of personnel going on leave will be carried out by the Italian Army. There is no objection to existing Allied Military transport facilities being used for the purpose, providing such use is not to the exclusion of any Allied military personnel or stores, as decided by the appropriate Movements Officer.

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SPA/hh

Copies to: AFHQ (your CR/3696/G1(Br) of
16 Sept refers)

HQ AAI (your 3074/27/A(O) of 26 Sept refers)

CG NATOUSA.

CG COM ZONE NATOUSA.

AAFSC/LTO.

Rear 8 Army

Rear 5 Army

HQ 1 District (5)

HQ 2 District (5)

HQ 3 District (5)

PBS.

ABDG.

HQ ACC (10)

F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES Lt. Col.
For Major General.
M. M. I. A.

Air Force Sub Commission.
Navy Sub Commission.
G.I.
All MMIA LOS.
War Diary (2)

Subject:- Transport.

Medical Liaison Officer,

Italian Central Depot Medical Store

H.Q. 52 Area.

/Sept/44.

Ref.HQ/12/44

*Maj. Byatt has contacted on
Col. Keri's instructions seeing
Gen. Oschi. Was 27/9/44.*

D.A.D.M.S.,

Army Sub Commission, M.M.I.A.,

H.Q. A.C.C.,

ROME.

11/10/45

The position of the transport at this Depot is
as follows:-

- (1) Passenger Car for M.L.O. , not received. ✓
- (2) One old lorry which has completely broken down and
nearly killed the driver when the brakes and steering
failed.
- (3) I ~~would~~ be very grateful if you could do something
about this question of transport which has become very
acute since Medical Supplies are arriving almost daily
from U.K., and require transporting from the docks to
this Depot.

P.A.

B.A. Supple
Lieut (QM) RANZ

MEDICAL LIAISON OFFICER M.M.I.A.

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

785020

Subject: Clothing

Military Mission
Italian Army,
ROME
M/14/1950
6 Oct 44

Medical Liaison Officer, MMIA
c/o ADMS 52 Area

Reference your letter HQ/17/44 of
29 Sept 44.

This matter has been discussed with
Ministry of War who are taking necessary action.

END

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

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

Subject:- Clothing.

Medical Liaison Officer,
M.M.I.A.
C/o H.Q. 52 Area,
C.M.F.
29/Sept/44.
Ref HQ/17/44.

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

Several of the Italian Soldiers working in this store are still poorly clad, and 7 complete sets of clothing are still required to bring them up to a decent standard.

I would be very grateful if you could put in a word to enable them to obtain this clothing before winter.

There appears to be quite a lot of local excuses as to why these men cannot get proper clothing.

L. A. S. S. S.
Lieut (Q.M) R.A.M.C.

Medical Liaison Officer.

*Reply this matter has been discussed.
M.W. Who are taking action*

*m/14/1936
5292*

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Mr. HEGGIE

Position put to Gen Oxilia and
the pot made to boil.

Action has been taken.

See log dated 16 Sept

Report boils over this

was 19/9/64

File

18/
5291

Subject:- Transport

D.A.D.M.S.
A.S.C. MMIA.
H.Q. A.C.C.
ROME

c/o A.D.M.S.
H.Q.
52 Area
CMF.

Sept 13 th. 44

M/14/1875

- 1 The transport position at the Depot is still extremely unsatisfactory.
- 2 Following Lieut. Cooper's visit here on 19th Aug. and his inspection of the parafin lorry, the following events have occurred.
- 3 This Store received a letter from the Ministry of War (ref 15782/Rf/21 dated 18 Aug and signed Col G; Balanzino) instructing us to collect vehicle No. RE 87806 from "Il Parco Automobilistico di Armata - Mesagne.
- 4 Accordingly, some days later I went to Mesagne. I was informed by the O.C. of the Car Dump (Ten Col Bruno) that lorry No. RE 87806 was unserviceable and he could give no date as to when it would be ready. He stated that he sent a monthly return to the Ministry of War of all vehicles in working order. He undertook, however, to investigate the matter and endeavour to get another lorry assigned to us.
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7 We are thus in possession of an unreliable vehicle, 30 years old, with a potential range of 5,500 yds a day.

8 I need hardly point out the uselessness of this arrangement, and would be glad if you would bring this sequence of incompetence to the notice of the proper authorities.

R. R. R.
2/Lt. R.A.M.C.
Medical Liaison Officer
MMIA.

May. Bygd. Will you please show this to Gen. Crabia.

The Depot Medical Stores at Taranto should be complete against this utter futility for over 2 months.
Can some drastic action be taken to provide one decent lorry
+ authority to draw petrol as required. Yes.

Ward. 16/9/44

1303
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785020

Reference attached (part of Lt. Cooper's visit to Taranaki Depot)

- ① Please Request you instruct H.O.W. to ~~the~~ replace the Italian O.C.
- ② Can a vehicle - 15 cwt or ability be sent to Taranaki for the British Staff. Lt. Cregerman hitch-hikes to & from the Depot 4 miles - twice per day.

Walleynie
25/8/44

- ③ Attached is 'Q' copy of my letter on the other details.

Lt. Cooper to see

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REPORT ON VISIT TO MEDICAL DEPOT - SARANTO

19 - 23 August 44

1. Personnel.

British. Apparently unable to obtain pay and clothing exchanges as no one seems to know to whom they are attached. They are being used for Orderly duty in the Ordnance Depot.

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Second-in-command. Good technician and a hard worker but I do not think he would be suitable for command.

Other Ranks

Having no boots, they are doing everything in bare feet. They have not one item of uniform between them (except mess tins). They are dressed in ragged P.T. vests and pants which, I understand, have been collected from scrap heaps. An indent was submitted for clothing a month ago and nothing has happened so far. Food is drawn in petrol tins.

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They are not getting meperidine.

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Many items such as tarpaulins, scales (500 K) still not to hand.

The Ministry of War authorised a sum of money to purchase all these items but they are not available. Italian Ordnance also state not available. Suggest trying Allied sources.

4. Stationery.

Ministry of War authorises monthly sum of money for local purchase and when items are available the sum involved purchases sufficient stationery for one weeks work.

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NIL. There is an Italian Military Fire Brigade in the seaplane base which should be able to cope but as a first aid measure, I instructed the O.C. to indent for 6 chemical extinguishers.

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Lieut. R.A.M.C.
Army Sub Commission, AGC.

Report: Italian Central Depot of Medical Stores - Taranto

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

11/14/1710

25 August 44

Ministry of War,
Dir. Gen. di Sanita Mil.

An officer from MMIA recently visited the Italian Depot of Medical Stores at Taranto and reported that:-

- (a) The Italian officer in charge of the Depot, while a good technician is a chronically sick man. He lacks organising ability and has little or no control over his men. He did not know the correct address of the sub-depots to which stores should be consigned or the procedure for making application for movement of goods by rail or ship.
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2. As this Depot is responsible for the redistribution of medical supplies (mostly items in short supply) to the Italian Army, Navy and Air Force it is essential that it be properly staffed, equipped and efficient transport available.
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(d) Provide necessary tools, equipment and stationery,

(e) Issue clear and concise instructions for redistribution of medical supplies to the sub-depots,

(f) Arrange for the proper clothing of the other ranks in Italian uniforms,

(g) Instruct the Director of Italian Medical Services at Bari that when medical supplies to any part of the mainland are urgently required, he will send transport, if necessary an ambulance, to the Depot at Taranto for this purpose.

A. H. Pegge

Major,

D.A.D.M.S.

Army Sub Commission, ACC.

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Copy to: MIA Medical L.O. o/o 52 Area
(Lt. Treguna - Tel. Toronto 2724) }
MIA L.O. 2 District }
(Major Murrell - Tel. Bari 11458) }
ref. para S(g) }
MIA L.O. 2 District }
to pass request to }
Col. Persani }

ref. para 9(g)
WIA 10.2 District
to pass request to
Col. Palsani

(a) The fact that the defendant is a member of the same family as the victim is not a factor in determining whether the defendant is a close relative of the victim.

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Lieut. R.A.M.C.
Army Sub Commission, ACC.

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SUBJECT :- Cimino Depot.

Q.433/3.

Army Sub Commission MMIA
HQ ACC ROTE.

MM A	Ad
FILE REF	7
Date Recd	20/8/44

1. Ref this HQ letter OS/312/49 of 17 Aug I have no objection to the Cimino Siding being used for the delivery and despatch of Med Sups by rail.
2. It may, of course, be necessary to review the posn in the future and should it be necessary to change this arrangement you will be given due notice.

CME
17 Aug 44,
PEM/ATH.

Copy to :- Med
Ord.

Went. 21/8/44. →

Lt. Col.

Lt. Col. *Therash. Robinson*
AA & SIG, 5283
52 AREA.

M/14/1663

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Subject:- Cimino Depot.

Headquarters, 52 Area
Tele:-2202 2312 2206
Ref:- OS/318 (49)

17 August 1944

Army Sub Commission M.M.I.A.
H.Q. A.C.C. Rome.

M.M.I.A.	med
FILE REF	1
Date Recd	19/8/44

Your M/14/1613 dated 12th August 1944.

1. Subject to the necessary approval of A.A. & Q.M.G. 52 Area I have no objection to the Cimino siding being used for the delivery and despatch of Medical Supplies by rail.

2. Accommodation has already been provided for the R.A.M.C. Sgts M.M.I.A. in the Sgts Mess of my detachment billeted at Cimino and accommodation is available in the Officers Mess for the R.A.M.C. Liaison Officer if required.

J. Hobley

Lt. Col.,
A.D.O.S.
52 Area.

In the Field.
FI/HI

Copy to:- A.A. & Q.M.G. 52 Area (Copy of M/14/1613 dated 12 August attached)

A.D.O.S. 52 Area.

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W.H. → H. Cooper →
19/8/44.
M/14/1653

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785020

Subject: Transport.

Italian Central Depot of Medical
Stores

Cimino,
TARANTO.

H.Q./7/44

Aug. 13th. 44

D.A.D.M.S.
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
ROME.

1. One lorry has been delivered by the Italian authorities for use at this Depot. It is very old, and has a parafin burning engine. It is understood, however, that it will be replaced shortly by a more modern petrol vehicle.

2. I have not, as yet, received the passenger car.

D. J. Begun
2/Lt. R.A.M.C.
Medical Liaison Officer.
MMIA.

W.H.K.

16/8/44

→ H.C. 5261/1641

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

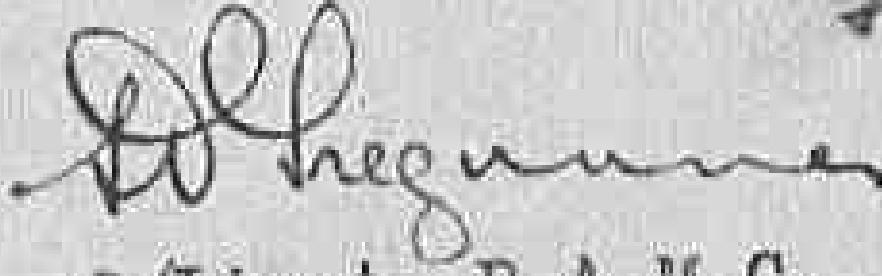
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The following N.C.Os arrived and reported for duty on 10th Aug 44.

7399424	Sgt. Elliott A.B.	R.A.M.C.
7517110	Sgt. Evans W.J.	R.A.M.C.
7380273	Sgt. Rush T.	R.A.M.C.

Went.
5280 H.C.
File

Italian Central Depot of Medical Stores
Cimino,
TARANTO.
12 Aug. 44


2/Lieut. R.A.M.C.
Medical Liaison Officer.

Subject: Italian Central Depot of Medical Stores,
Taranto

A.D.O.S.
52 Area

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

14/14/1613

12 August 44

1. MMIA Medical Liaison Officer attached to the Italian Central Depot of Medical Stores, Taranto has requested whether or not the Cimino siding in the Ordnance Depot can be used for delivery and/or despatch of medical supplies.

2. The arrangements made with AA & QMC 52 Area at the time of requisition were that shed 40 would be wired off and all Italian personnel use the seaplane base entrance and British personnel could reside in the Ordnance Depot.

In a later discussion with the C.C. Ordnance Depot it was agreed that:-

(a) An opening would be necessary to permit the British Liaison Staff (1 Officer and 4 Sgts) to reach their living and sleeping quarters and

(b) Motor transport to and from the docks would use the seaplane base entrance

(c) The Cimino siding could be used for delivery of supplies by rail as the line behind Shed 40 was not in operation.

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/RBG

Copy to: MIA IO c/o ADMS 52 Area.

- (1) Please contact Lt-Col Lobley
- (2) Local arrangements are entirely a matter for 52 Area
- (3) Italian CC. Medical Depot to arrange necessary permits with Italian seaplane base.

Noted
Major,
207th U.S.
Army Sub Commission, ACC.

Subject: Italian Central Depot of Medical Stores.

c/o A.D.M.S.
H.Q.
52 Area,
C.M.F.

Ref. HQ/6/44

Aug. 8th. 44

D.A.D.M.S.
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
ROME

1. The A.D.O.S. Dump in which the Store is situated is commanded by Lt/Col Lobley, A.D.O.S. 52 Area.

2. This officer has objected to our using the main entrance to the compound. He states that the original arrangements he made with an officer of the MMIA were -

- (a) That road transport to the store would not use the main entrance.
- (b) That goods arriving by rail would be shunted to the Seaplane Base Sidings.
- (c) That Shed 40 should be separated from the A.D.O.S. Dump by a wire fence.

I was not informed of this procedure.

3. The only alternative road runs through the adjacent Seaplane Base. This road is patrolled by an armed guard and special permission has to be obtained from the O.C. Seaplane Base to use it. It is difficult to see how to arrange for permits, as most of the goods delivered here will be conveyed in British Transport.

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When I arrived the store was surrounded by a wire fence. As I received, almost immediately, a consignment of ten tons of Cotton Wool I cut the fence to allow the lorries to use the main door of the Shed. The fence has since been repaired, and a wire gate fitted.

4. I have pointed out these difficulties to Lt/Col. Lobley, but he has merely reiterated the remarks in para 2.

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5. Will you therefore communicate with Lt/Col Lobley and endeavour to adjust this matter.

D. J. Regan

2/Lt. R.A.M.C.
Medical Liaison Officer.
MMIA.

100/1/1607

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Subject:- Assignment of Motor Transportation

Army Sub Commission (MITA)
HQ A. C. C.
ROME
AQ/5/1
9 Aug 44

S.M.R.N.

Your ref C/4654 dated 31 July 44.

1. By car AQ/5/1 dated 25 July 44 you were directed to assign one lorry and one passenger car to the Central Italian Depot of Medical stores, TARANTO, which you have not yet done.
2. In letter AQ/5/1 dated 27 July 44 to the Ministry of War details were given for the recovery of three Italian Army trucks from Region 5 about 10 Aug 44.
3. Assign one of the above mentioned three trucks to the Central Italian Depot of Medical Stores.

REP
Rex E Pinkley Maj
for Major General
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.
(MITA)

REP/27

Copy to:- Medical MITA

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W.H.H. 10/8/44 - Lt. Cooper
File 11/14/50
Lead copy to Lt. T
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Subject: Italian Central Depot of Medical Stores.
Italian Personnel.

M.M.I.A.	REF
FILE REF	
Date Recd	

c/o A.D.M.S.
H.Q.
52 Area,
C.M.F.

Ref. HQ/5/44

7th August 44

D.A.D.M.S.
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
ROME.

1. The present establishment of O.Rs. (excluding W.Os. and sergeants) available for general duties is twelve. Of these only ten have arrived, and the whereabouts of the remaining two is unknown.
2. Yesterday, one soldier was demobilised and another two are due to be discharged in a few days time. This will leave us with seven at the end of the week. No scheme to replace these men has been notified to us.
3. In view of the large consignments of equipment due to arrive here soon, the O.C. and I have reviewed this question and agreed that application should be made to increase the establishment to twenty.
4. Besides normal Store duties, loading and unloading, they will be required to maintain an adequate guard and fire picquet, collect rations and mail, act as messengers, batmen, clerks etc. Absence due to illness has also to be considered.
5. A bicycle is required for the messengers on account of the distance of the Depot from other units.
6. A similar letter is being addressed by the O.C. to the Ministry of War, with whom I would be glad if you would discuss this matter, and advise me of the result in due course.

N.d.W. notified to send re-informant at once.

Be sure to be provided ✓

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Bicycle to be provided ✓

D. Freestone

2/Lt. R.A.M.C.
Medical Liaison Officer.
M.M.I.A.

*Action Taken
Spoke to M.W.*

M/1/1585

Subject: Italian Central Depot of Medical Stores.

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c/o A.D.M.S.
H.Q.
52 Area,
C.M.F.

Ref. HQ/4/44

7 Aug 44

D.A.D.M.S.
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
ROME.

following

There is a report on the progress of the Depot.

I. Structural alterations.

These are now complete except for the fitting of doors. Material for these is unprocureable. The leveling of the ground outside the Issues door will be started in a few days.

2. Furniture. This has now been collected from Bari and is sufficient for our present requirements. ✓

3. Shelves, Tables etc.

The timber needed for making these is still at Bari, but I hope to obtain it this week. ✓

4. Transport.

This is urgently required in view of the early expected arrival of stores from CMS Naples. Please urge on the delivery of vehicles from S.M.R.E.

5. Stationery.

I would be glad to receive the supply of stationery for which I indented. The nearest Stationery Depot (No 8) is at Bari, but they will not supply me without an authority.

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6. General. Although still short of some equipment the Depot is quite able to function.

Done again X See list
Done X *action*
5/2/55
W. B. Bregman
2/Lt. R.A.M.C.
Medical Liaison Officer.

M/14/1584

Subject: Transport - Italian Central Depot

Army Sub Commission, MMIA
H.Q., A.C.C.
ROME
M/14/1551

7 August 44

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Mil.

Reference your letter 6/1665/344/Mt
of 3 August 44.

This letter contains the statement that
"a vehicle should be available to the Central Depot
of Medical Stores, Taranto WHEN REQUESTED".

This is not in accordance with the
instructions contained in this Sub Commission letter
AQ/5/1 addressed to SMRE which states that "a lorry will
be made available".

This also applies to the car for use of
British L.O. attached to the Depot.


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

/RBC

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Subject: Italian Central Depot of Medical Stores.

D.A.D.M.S.
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
ROME

c/o H.Q.
52 Area,
C.M.F.

HQ/3/44
28 July 44

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The following is a report on the progress of the Depot.

I. Structural alterations.

These should be finished in about seven days. It is very difficult for the contractors to obtain materials of any kind. Two offices have been built and the partition wall completed. One door has been moved from the north to the south side. A W.C. and wash basin - both with running water - have been installed. An out-house is being built to accommodate one officer and some of the staff. Three windows have been repaired with cellophane. Electric wiring is complete but I am still awaiting lamps. A number of minor jobs have also been completed. It is proposed to level and strengthen the ground outside the "Issues" door, to permit lorries to enter.

2. Furniture.

This is still at Bari, and we are unable to collect for lack of transport. I have seen General Lombardi twice but cannot get an allocation. I have also contacted DADT and DQMG at 52 Area but without success. I hitch-hiked to Bari on the 20th; and requested transport from DADT 6BSA and DADT 2 District. Both refused. The Italian authorities at Bari were also approached. DADT 6 BSA has agreed to collect it as a return load. To date it has not been received. The timber required for constructing the strong tables for Receipts section and the storage shelves is also awaiting collection at Bari.

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3. Typewriter.

This was obtained from MMIA/LO at Bari.

4. Telephone.

This was supplied by Signals as the Italians were unable to obtain materials.

5. Equipment.

The Italians have been able to purchase locally scales, hammers, pliers etc.

6. Staff (Italian).

The following have arrived. O.S. (Major), two lieutenants, one W.O.3, one sergeant and eight men. This is sufficient for the present, but an additional four men at least will be needed when large consignments of stores arrive.

7. Accounting.

I have examined the Italian system and although it has some merits I am of opinion that it is inferior to the British system. I will, however, discuss this more fully with the O.C. and report more fully later.

The most pressing need of ~~this~~ the Depot is transport. We are almost/

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almost helpless without it. Any efforts on your part to expedite the delivery of the vehicles demanded from S.M.R.E. would be appreciated.

A further report will be sent in a weeks time.

W. D. Begunne
2/Lt. O R.A.M.C.
MEDICAL LIAISON OFFICER.

W. D. Begunne
2/8/44

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Subject: Italian Central Depot of Medical Stores.
Store procedure.

c/o H.Q.
52 Area,
C.M.F.

22 July 44

D.A.D.M.S.
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
ROME.

1. The verbal instructions I received on the manner of dealing with stores rendered unserviceable during transit was to instruct the Italian staff to take these on charge as serviceable, and later to dispose of them in accordance with Italian Store methods.
2. May this arrangement be confirmed in writing, and will you advise the Italian Ministry of War to inform the senior Italian officer at this Depot of this procedure.

D. J. Regan
2/Lt R.A.M.C.
Medical Liaison Officer
MMIA.

WCH
27/7/44

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Subject: Italian Centrale Depot of Medical Stores

c/o H.Q.
52 Area,
C.M.F.
HQ/I/44

21 July 44

D.A.D.M.S.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (M.M.I.A.)
ROME.

1. The existing arrangement regarding transport whereby the Italian authorities in this district are to supply vehicles when demanded is likely to prove unworkable.
2. Recently the Italian staff indented on General Lombardi (the area commander) for a vehicle to collect from Bari office furniture required for this Depot. The request was refused on the grounds that no vehicles were available. Owing to the shortage of Italian controlled transport we are not likely to get much help from this direction.
3. Stores destined for this Depot are shunted to the R.F. sidings at Cimino where there is no ramp or cover, and, in consequence, it is necessary to unload the stores from the railway trucks directly into lorries.
4. The R.T.O. has advised me of the shortage of rolling stock and the need of unloading all wagons quickly.
5. I have explained the position to D.Q.M.G. 52 Area and he has agreed to supply transport when demanded if he has vehicles available. I have not yet had the necessity of asking him for transport, and will report on the suitability of this arrangement in due course.
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D. Regan 5270

2/Lt. R.A.M.C.
 Medical Liaison Officer MMIA.

SAT.

well. 24/7/44 - 2.6.44

*Fair enough
 Italians are supplying 3 lorries*

24/7/44

Subject: Italian Central Depot Medical Stores

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (AMEA)
LEQUILLÉ (LECCE)
M/14/1356

9 July 44

1. With effect from 10 July 1944, the Italian Central Depot of Medical Stores will be opened at Taranto for the reception of supplies from U.K. and other British sources.
A Medical Liaison Staff from Army Sub Commission (AMEA) is attached.
2. All future stocks of captured medical stores which are destined for return to the Italian Armed Forces should also be consigned to this Depot.
3. The redistribution of these stores is an Italian Army responsibility and is carried out within Italian channels of communication.
4. The postal address for the British Liaison Staff is:-
Medical Liaison Office,
Army Sub Commission, AGO (AMEA)
c/o 52 Area, C.M.F.
5. All official correspondence will continue to be addressed to this office (Main H.Q. AMEA).
6. The Depot is located in 52 Area. Convey notes for movement of stores within the Mainland of Italy should be endorsed,
"CUMINA SIDING - TARANTO"
7. Port Detachment Officers of AMEA will please forward stores arriving at other ports to the above address.
8. May all R.A.M.C. Port Detachments please be informed.

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Army Sub Commission, ACC (MMLA)
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/ABC

W.A. Haggerty

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

Distribution

DIS AFHQ
DIS ALI
Surgeon P.O.S.
Public Health Sub Comm ACC
DDMS No 1 District
DDMS No 2 District
DDMS No 3 District
Surgeon, Allied Garrison,
Scandinavia

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ADMS 52 Area {4}
ADMS 53 Area {4}
All MMLA Liaison and
Port Detachment Officers (20)
Internal - (30)

Ministero della Guerra. (2)
Medical Directorate.
Italian GM (S.M.R.E.) (2)

Subject: WIA Liaison Staff at Taranto

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main B.Q. (WIA)
ISCUIS (LECCB)
W/14/1355

10 July 44

ADUS.. 52 Area.

Lt. TREGUNNA, R.A.M.C. is reporting to the Central Italian Depot Medical Stores and taking up residence in Taranto.

Should he have any difficulty in arranging his own accommodation, I should be grateful if you could arrange to attach him to some British medical unit in Taranto.

Lt. Tregunna R.A.M.C. has been instructed to liaise with 52 Area on any matter affecting local administration on the British side and to keep you generally informed of the activities of the Medical Stores Depot.

/RBS

File

W. H. H.
Major,
D.A.D.E.S.
Army Sub Commission, 5268

Subject: Medical Liaison Staff - Italian Central Depot Me Stores

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (M.M.I.A.)
LEQUILLE (LECOE)
M/14/841

9 May 44

DDMS
HQ AAL

1. The proposed War Establishment for British Liaison and Inspectorate staff is -
 - 2 Captains RAMC (Non-medical)
 - 4 Sergeants RAMC (including 2 Dispensers)
2. It is requested that 1 Officer and 2 Sergeants be temporarily attached to this Sub Commission pending final approval of the new War Establishment.
3. It is probable that the building will be available by 21 May 44 and while U.K. supplies are not expected until August 44, all supplies of captured stores could be diverted to TARANTO and relieve pressure of work in Allied Depots.
4. The liaison staff can also be employed to assist at this office.
5. A skeleton Italian staff with 2 English-speaking Officers has already been nominated.

W. A. Haggie

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

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C. 5267

/RBG

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Subject:- Accommodation - Italian Central Depot of Medical Stores.

HQ AAI CMF.
Ext. 323.
4011 M.

5 May 44.

"Q" HQ AAI.

Copy to:- D.D.M.S., 2 District.

D.A.D.M.S., A.S.C., A.C.C.(MMIA).

1. The Medical Administrative Staff, Army Sub Commission, A.C.C., is now responsible for the receipt and distribution of all stores for use by the Italian Armed Forces.

2. All stocks of Captured Italian Medical Equipment in Italy are in process of being handed over to this organisation.

3. For the purpose of receipts, issues, and accounting for all medical stores issued to the Italian Armed Forces, a Central Depot of Medical Stores is to be established, for which accommodation is required in Taranto.

4. The D.A.D.M.S., A.S.C., A.C.C.(MMIA) has already carried out a reconnaissance of Taranto area and has found suitable accommodation in the following premises:-

Italian Military Hospital,
Scuola Guisti,
63, Via Galese, TARANTO.

This accommodation is ideal for a medical store, situated close to the Docks, and Railway, but is at present occupied by an Indian "A" Works Coy. R.E.

5. In accordance with the agreed Policy, no Italian Hospital was to be requisitioned for any purpose without the consent of the D.D.M.S. this H.Q. Our 3638 M para7(a) of 20 Dec 43, refers.

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6. It is therefore requested that the building be handed back to the Italian Medical Services and placed at the disposal of the Army Sub Commission, A.C.C., by 20 May 44.

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7. It is understood that H.Q. 52 Area on being approached by the Army Sub Commission were not prepared to release this accommodation.

Gordon J. Amieson

File

Lt. Col.

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

Take to Q

W.H. 9/5/44.

OK 9/5

