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M 17 Hospital Accommodation

MAR. - DEC. 1944

Subject: Italian Army Base Medical Facilities

Head Forces Sub Comd.

L.O. (MIA)

ROSE

6/3/7

2 Dec 44

1. Reports of 1st of Italian General Hospitals and other Base Medical Formations, authorized M.D. (M.D.) for all ranks including Sisters and C.A.S. nurses and total number of beds equipped is given, all III-III.
- (a) The staff of the principal hospital of each district includes Medical Section, Depot Medical Stores and the HQ staff of the Medical Company.
- (b) The Medical Companies (reinforcements) are very considerably but will not exceed the figures shown.
- (c) Additional Air Sections (M.D.) are not shown as they are NOT in the strength of the Medical Corps but may be attached to medical units for rations.
- (d) Reinforcements will be notified as they occur.

2. RATIONS.

- (a) Ration demands for the medical staff will not exceed the authorized figures.
- (b) Ration demands for patients are based on beds occupied and will normally not exceed beds occupied. Exceptions may occur but should always be covered by Field L.O.

3. HOUSING, WIDE AREA.

These are obtained by the same manner as normal rations whether from an Italian or British area depot.

These figures of Form MIA 31/3 are submitted and endorsed "I.D." in the report to the command.

Stores of MIA 31/3 are available for one month calculated on the average daily number of beds (consolidated being 100).

III	143	lbs
IV	270	lbs
MIA 31/3	70	lbs
REMARKS on MIA 31/3	255	lbs



(2) Station permits for the medical staff will not exceed the authorized  
 1.5  
 (10) Station permits for patients are based on beds occupied and will  
 normally not exceed beds available. Exceptions may occur but  
 should always be checked by MILA L.C.

3. HOSPITAL BED DUES:

These are obtained in the same manner as normal rations whether from  
 an Italian or British local source.

Three copies of Form MIL 51/3 are submitted and endorsed "H.D." in  
 top right hand corner.

Table of issue. Accounts available for one month calculated on the  
 average daily number of beds occupied being 100.

MILK	113	lbs
EGGS	270	lbs
STARCH or Equivalents	70	lbs
MEAT or Equivalents	255	lbs
VEG. SUPPLY	12	lbs

4. Station food lists (see column of attached list) are also entitled to  
 Hospital list issue. **5446**  
 Medical Sections, M.I. boxes and Experimental Medical Officers are not  
 entitled to wear hospital list issue.

5. This schedule MILA letter 1/7 of 12 October 1944.

Author:  
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 ALL MIL L.Os. (2 copies)

*W. J. Norman*  
 Lt. Colonel, Col.  
 M.I. Staff  
 14/10/44  
 Op. 14/4  
 14/10/44

DETAILED WAR RESUME FOR MILITARY ADMIN. HOLIDAY UNITS

UNIT	Accts	Strength	W.B. Strength
	Supplies	Location	All Rpts All Rrs.
<u>ASIO. UMBRIA &amp; ABRUZZI</u>			
Ministero Guerra Dir. Gen. San. 1871.		Rome	35
Ispettore Sanita Militare		"	12
Collegio Medico-Legale		"	18
Commissione Med. Sup. Post. Guerra		"	12
Laboratorio di Biologia Applicata		"	6
Laboratorio di microbiologia		"	6
" di Ornatologia e chim. applic.		"	6
Direzione Sanita Regionale		"	22
Osp. Milit. Prine. "Virgilio"	780	"	508 +
Osp. Milit. "Baldi"	300	"	100
Osp. Milit. "Corradini"	600	"	172
Osp. Milit. di Arpine	800	Arpine	170
Osp. Milit. di Anzio	320	Arpine	100
Infonu. Evac. di Civitavecchia	30	Civitavecchia	33
Osp. Milit. di Chieti	250	Chieti	100
Osp. Milit. di Fregina	500	Fregina	150
Rinforzamento (Nucleo di Riserva)	-	Roma	300

\* Includes staff of Medical Dept., Hygiene Sect., and Hq of Medical Coy.

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CAMPANIA

Ispettore di Sanita		Napoli	12
Direzione di Sanita		"	25
Osp. Milit. Principale	820		595 +
Osp. Milit. di Caserta	790	Madaloni	237
Osp. Milit. di Fregani	620	Fregani	205
Osp. Milit. di Averea	205	Averea	78
Osp. Milit. di Pozzuoli	80	Pozzuoli	35
Osp. Milit. Belle Arti	700	Napoli	240
Osp. S. O. L. Napoli "Pisano, Fishmore"	320	"	100
Corvalesc. Milit. di Ischia	75	Ischia	30

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CAMPANIA

Ispezttore di Sanità  
 Direzione di Sanità  
 Osp. Milit. Principale  
 Osp. Milit. di Caserta  
 Osp. Milit. di Fogani  
 Osp. Milit. di Aversa  
 Osp. Milit. di Pozzuoli  
 Osp. Milit. Belle Arti  
 Osp. S.M.C.S. Napoli "Primo Piemonte"  
 Convalesc. Milit. di Ischia  
 Reinforzamenti (Mater di Riserva)

320  
 790  
 620  
 205  
 80  
 700  
 520  
 75  
 ..

Napoli 12  
 " 25 +  
 Maddaloni 595  
 Pagani 257  
 Aversa 205  
 Pozzuoli 78  
 Napoli 36  
 " 210  
 " 100  
 Ischia 50  
 Napoli 150

+ Includes staffs of medical Depot, Hygiene Sect. and Hq of Medical Coy.

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CALABRIA

Direzione di Sanità  
 Osp. Milit. Principale  
 Osp. Milit. "Rezza"  
 Antenn. Pres.

18  
 120  
 134  
 50  
 250  
 370  
 150

Catanzaro  
 " "  
 " "  
 Regg. Calab.

770 550



UNIT	Equip <sup>ts</sup>	Location	W.E. All Rpts	Strength All Rpts
<b>AVULIA &amp; IUDUNIA</b>				
Isettore di Sanita	-	Bari	12	
Direzione di Sanita	-	"	25	
Osp. Milit. Palcapalo	500	"	432 +	
Osp. Milit. "Sant'Anna"	497	"	173	
Osp. Milit. "San Pietro"	289	"	110	
Osp. Milit. Mionto	268	Biconto	100	
Osp. Milit. Barletta	268	Barletta	100	
Osp. Milit. Misoglia	399	Bisceglie	110	
Osp. Milit. Canosa	182	Canosa	73	
Osp. Milit. Cicie del Colle	425	C del Colle	149	
Osp. Milit. Molfetta	275	Molfetta	100	
Osp. Milit. "Trizio"	1020	Lecco	338	
Osp. Milit. Murgia	190	Foggia	78	
Osp. Milit. Lucera	54	Lucera	25	
Convuloro. Mil. di Noai	300	Mezi	63	
Centro Ortopedico Milit.	100	Bari	73	
Depo. Cent. Anterale Sanita	-	Taranto	31	
Osp. Milit. Palo del Colle	328	P del Colle	118	
Reinforcements (Nucleo di Riserva)	-	Bari	100	

\* Includes Medical Depot, Hygiene Sect. and HQ Medical Coy.

5175 ----- 2200

**SARDINIA**

Direzione di Sanita	-	Cagliari	15	
Osp. Milit. Fraciviale	400	"	292	
Osp. Milit. Iglesias	350	Iglesias	120	
Osp. Milit. di Sassari	250	Sassari	93	
+ Includes Staff, Hygiene Sects. Hygiene Sect.				
+ 13 med. Coy.				
1000 ----- 520				

**SICILY**

Direzione di Sanita	-	Palermo	16	
Osp. Milit. Principale	650	"	297	
Osp. Milit. Messina	225	Messina	875	
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SARDEGNA

Direzione di Sanità  
Csp. Milit. Prinocholle  
Csp. Milit. Iglesias  
Csp. Milit. di Sassari

440  
350  
250  
1000

Gagliari  
Iglesias  
Sassari

15  
292  
120  
93

520

\* Includes Staff, Medicina Degli, *Alpinis* *For.*  
& 13 med. Coy.

SIICILY

Direzione di Sanità  
Csp. Milit. Principale  
Csp. Milit. Messina

650  
225

Palermo  
Messina

16  
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675

444

875

TOSCANA

Direzione di Sanità  
Scuola di Ufficio di San. Milit.  
Istituto Orib. Piana, Milit.  
Csp. Milit. Prinocholle  
Csp. Milit. Monte Clivato  
Csp. Milit. di Livorno in-Annua  
Csp. Milit. C. di Firenze  
Reinforcements (Nucleo di Riserva)  
OSP. MILIT. *VILLA NATALIE*  
Csp. Milit. di Arezzo

500  
400  
400  
150  
102  
300

Florence  
Florence  
Florence  
Florence  
Lucca  
Livorno  
Livorno  
Arezzo

23  
50  
26  
366  
85  
150  
60  
200  
60  
110

\* Includes parts of Medical Depots, Evacuation Sect., and HQ Medical Coy.

4500

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Translation

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

17 November 44.

Ref: 1/4841  
To: Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MIA)

Subject:- Medical Institutes admitting Soldiers - Civilian Regions for

In the Institute Ortopedico Toscano - Florence there is a section where soldiers are admitted who according to the rules laid down, should be fed on the scale of hospitals on civilian rations.

Contrary to that, local Allied authorities have issued instructions that only ordinary rations issued to civilians should be given to these soldiers and, as it may be noted, these rations have a poor nutritive substance which is insufficient.

It is requested that MIA may please take the necessary steps with the Allied authorities concerned in order to authorise S.E.P.R.A.I. Florence, to assign to Italian soldiers in the Military section of the Institute Ortopedico, Toscano, the rations detailed in attached Appendix and which are included in the scale for hospitals on normal civilian rations in the areas controlled by the Italian Government.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE  
(F. Caldarola)

*Included as part of the action now necessary.*

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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

(P. Calderola)

No action now necessary. Included as part of

"San Gallo" Hospital. in new revised W.E. to be published

W.E.

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Subject: Hospital Accommodation - Lucca

Land Forces Sub Comm.  
A.C. (MMIA)  
RCME  
M/17/2205  
7 Nov 44

Ministry of War,  
Direzione Generale di Sanita Mil.  
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1. The military hospital site at Lucca has been made available to the Italian Army Medical Services in lieu of Livorno which is occupied by an Allied unit.

Please arrange to open this hospital as soon as possible.

2. Information received states that several of the staff and equipment still remain - number not known. Such personnel may be absorbed into the Italian Army Medical Service after suitable screening by GERSETI and provided always the total medical administration ceiling of 8,000 is not exceeded. The total staff (all ranks) will not exceed 150 previously authorised for Livorno hospital.

3. DDMS 1 District has been requested to release the Italian hospital beds at present in use by 21 C.C.S. You will be notified when these are available.

*W. H. Haggie*  
Major,  
D.A.D.M.S.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA)

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DMS AAI  
Surgeon 5th Army  
Surgeon PBS

DDMS 1 District  
MMIA LO 5th Army  
MMIA LO 1 District

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'ST'

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Subject: Military Hospital - Casuarina

Land Forces Sub Com.  
A.C. (MFLA)  
RGEE  
M17/2187  
6 Nov 44

Ministry of War  
Direzione Generale di Sanita MIL.

Reference your letter 4/400/Com of 16 Oct 44.  
Below is a copy of reply received from AFHQ.

*Ad H*

Major,  
P. A. D. M. S.  
Land Forces Sub Com. AC. (MFLA)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-5 Section  
AFHQ 512

RGEE/37

G-5: 680.3

3 November 1944. 5441

Subject: Accommodation - Hospitals

To: Esburytara, Allied Comdian  
(Army Army Sub Comdian)  
AFHQ 324

Major  
D. A. B. S.  
Lead Forces Sub Comm. AC. (SRIA)

/RSD

MEMO

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-5 Section  
APO 592

FJB/jr

G-5: 580.3

3 November 1944  
5441

Subject: Accommodation - Hospitals

To: Headquarters, Allied Commission  
(Attn Army Sub Commission)  
APO 594

Reference your AM/7 of 21 October 1944, the military hospital at Caserta will not be vacated and therefore will not be available to the Italian Army.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

(signed) F. J. SLAUGHTER  
Captain, AGC

*FJB*

To HQ. M.N.I.A.

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M.N.I.A. I.C.  
c/o 67 Garrison  
I.F. 10.44.Italian Military Hospital, CHIANTI.

1. Staff. 19 officers, 39 O.R.s, 14 nurses, 5 Red Cross workers, 3 civilian specialists for ear, nose, throat. 12 civilians employed for laundry, sewing etc.
2. Patients. 4 officers, 161 O.R.s.
3. Hospital is in good, clean state. A number of doors, and windows are missing. Application has been made for glass, but ANG has only been able to allot a small amount.
4. Medical stores are adequate. Deposits available of CHI has been allotted to hospital and officer in charge transferred to OSIBO. Storage space good.
5. Hospital could take 250 ± 300 patients. 44 beds have been lent to the civil hospital where they were urgently needed.
6. Rations. State of rations on 5 Oct:

	Mil: Rations.	Civil Rations.
Chirurgi	28	22
Rep: medico	46	12
Osservazione	3	-
Rep: celvici	34	6
	<u>121</u>	<u>40</u>

On further enquiries, I found that all 161 had in fact been drawing military rations, even those over the 30 day period who should change over to civilian rations. The Director of the hospital said it was on verbal instructions of Delegazione A, I informed the Delegazione of this fact.

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They replied that military rations had been drawn for the 40 who were only entitled to civilian rations because of difficulty of getting necessary food from civil rations. The Director of the hospital has been told not to commit this irregularity again and the Direzione Sanita, FUGLIA e LUCANIA has been informed. The Director of the hospital informed me that he was aware that an irregularity was being committed but he was carrying out the orders of the Delegazione. He had nothing in writing to this effect.

7. I have laid on with RFO that a maximum of 3 daily can travel by train from OTTONA to BARI to report to specialist hospitals e.g. for artificial limbs.

*J. H. Bourne*  
Capt.  
Liaison Officer.

*Major Higgins*

Subject: Italian Military Hospitals and Installations in  
No. 1 District.

During the period 12 - 15 Oct 44 DADM 1 District visited the  
undermentioned Italian military medical installations. Information  
obtained is given below.

ANCONA.

There is one Italian military hospital at ANCONA - the  
Ospedale Militare Territoriale, situated near 32 CRS.

Accommodation.

There are in all 24 small wards with a total of 165 beds  
allocated as follows:

Medical Beds ...	85.
Surgical Beds ..	56.
Isolation ...	14.
V.D. or Skin ...	10.

165

The hospital is overloaded to the extent of 34 beds and there  
is very definite overcrowding. The beds are almost touching in  
some of the wards and patients sleep in corridors etc. at night  
time.

The hospital consists of one main two storey building with a  
similar but smaller building as an annexe. The staff is accom-  
modated in the hospital, also in a house in the grounds. The  
hospital could be extended to hold 250 beds if outside accommo-  
dation could be released for the staff.

Staff.

Details are as under:

Officers.

1 Administrative Officer.
2 Surgeons.
1 G.D.O. Surgical.
3 Physicians.
1 Dentist.
1 Radiologist.
2 Pharmacists.
1 Chaplain.

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Nursing Officers.

- 8 Nursing Sisters.
- 3 Ladies of the Red Cross.

Other Ranks.

- 38 Orderlies, porters etc.

Civilians.

- 20 Women workers.

Patients.

These are drawn chiefly from ANCONA and MACERATA areas but cases arrive also from RIMINI and towns north of ANCONA. The majority are Italian pioneers with occasional C.I.L. patients. At the time of inspection there were 80 malaria patients occupying nearly half the available beds. There were a few cases of paratyphoid fever, infective hepatitis, pneumonia, tuberculosis, mumps, venereal disease etc., and in the surgical wards was a mixed collection of major and minor surgical cases. Major surgery seems to be undertaken quite successfully in this hospital.



Evacuation.

This is one of the difficulties which confront the hospital. Many cases of malting malaria, for example, have to be discharged when the clinical symptoms only have been relieved, in order to keep beds free for reception. Recently it has been possible to evacuate seriously ill cases requiring prolonged treatment to BARI by hospital ship when space is available. The nearest Italian hospital to which they might evacuate patients is at CHIENTI, but there is no transport available.

Equipment.

There is a well equipped operating theatre, X.I. Room, Dental Room and a small laboratory. There are two large and one small X-Ray machines. Medicines and dressings etc. are not kept in any great quantity at this hospital but are drawn as required from the medical store at OSIMO. There is a great shortage of insulin, N.A.B. for syphilis, morphine, cocaine, plaster of Paris, sulphamide, adhesive bandages and soap; otherwise supplies are adequate and even plentiful. On the dental side there is an acute shortage of supplies and it is not possible to do more than perform extractions. X-Ray films are also in very short supply.

General.

A complete inspection was made of the hospital and the following are the outstanding points:

1. The hospital was overcrowded at the time of inspection.
2. There is no main water supply laid on and water is at present being pumped from a well in the grounds. The supply is poor and water is carried by hand from the basement all over the building. The water is unchlorinated.
3. There is quite a well equipped kitchen in the basement but it is not used because there is no water laid on or coal for the stoves. An outdoor kitchen has been built but it consists of simply of a roof to keep the rain off the coals and helpers. Preparation of food etc. is all in the open to all intents and purposes.
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5. There are only 2 W.Cs. on each floor, flushed by hand. These are very unsatisfactory.
6. The malaric cases in the hospital are not locally infected cases but Italian Pioneers who received primary infection in Sardinia and are suffering from relapses. These patients were being nursed without mosquito nets.
7. The ~~max~~ state of the water supply and the overcrowding in the hospital will eventually lead to an outbreak of infectious disease.

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OSIMO

There is ~~no~~ Italian military hospital at OSIMO. During the battle for ANCONA patients from the ANCONA Military Hospital were accommodated in the civilian hospital at OSIMO but the military patients and staff returned to ANCONA on 15 Sep 44. They left only medical stores secreted in the basement of the OSIMO civil hospital. This store was hidden to prevent removal by the enemy.

The store was inspected in the company of the Director

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of the Civilian Hospital. There is a good selection of drugs and dressings and it is estimated that, apart from the deficiencies given below, there are sufficient stores to provide for a hospital of 450 beds for a period of 4 - 5 months. This store provides drugs and dressings for the Italian Military Hospitals at ANCONA, PERUGIA and CHIETI, and first aid supplies to Italian Pioneer Units all over central ITALY.

The following principal items are deficient or in short supply at this store:

Sulphamide, arsenobenzol, bismuth, digitalis and all cardiac stimulants, alcohol, iodine, formalin, all vaccines and sera (especially those for Tetanus), haemostatic serum, needles for syringes, adhesive and plaster of Paris bandages, soap. The deficiencies of sulphamide, arsenobenzol and anti-tetanus serum are the most serious.

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#### PERUGIA

The Italian Military Hospital at PERUGIA is the military hospital of the 209 Division of the Italian army. It is accommodated in what was originally a convent built in the 13th century, situated near the main V.D. Car Park at PERUGIA.

#### Accommodation.

This hospital normally has 250 beds but now has 300. The wards are allocated as follows:

Surgical - 6 wards.  
 Medical - 4 wards.  
 Isolation - 3 wards.  
 Observation - 2 wards.  
 V.D. and skin diseases - 3 wards.

The building is of two storeys, built around a courtyard. The wards are of varying sizes but mostly capable of holding 20 beds. There was no overcrowding because verandahs were being used to hold surplus patients. The wards were on the whole clean and adequate for the purpose, although ventilation was <sup>54</sup>36 poor. Water supply is from PERUGIA main. V.C. and ablution facilities



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#### Staff.

Details of staff are as follows:

#### Officers.

- 1 Surgeon (civilian).
- 2 Surgical G.D.s. (1 officer, 1 civilian).
- 2 Physicians (1 civilian).
- 1 V.D. and skin diseases.
- 1 Radiologist (civilian).
- 1 Dentist (civilian).
- 2 Pharmacists.
- 2 M.C.s; dealing with Medical Boards etc.
- 1 Director of the Hospital (Colonel).
- 1 Secretary.
- 1 Chaplain.

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#### Nursing Staff.

- 10 Sisters.
- 8 Ladies of the Red Cross.
- 100 Civilian helpers.

18

100  
18  
118

Petients.

This hospital takes sick and wounded from 228 and 209 Divisions of the Italian Army, which are 8th. Army elements - mostly mountain troops. Evacuation of serious cases requiring prolonged treatment is to Rome Military Hospital. About one sixth of the patients are malaria cases from the front.

There is a variety of the usual medical diseases including paratyphoid, pneumonia, tuberculosis, gonorrhoea, syphilis etc. The surgical wards contain major and minor surgical cases, fractures, gunshot wounds, appendicectomies etc. The patients are well looked after.

Equipment.

The hospital has a fully equipped operating theatre, dental surgery, X-Ray room and minor treatment rooms and offices.

There is a fairly large dispensary with supplies sufficient to provide the hospital for a period of 2 - 3 months, except for the following items which are badly needed - N.A.B., Insulin, Plaster of Paris, methylated spirit, sulphamide drugs. Occasional supplies come from OSTIO but the drugs in short supply cannot be obtained there.

General.

All wards and installations in the hospital were seen, except the X-Ray room, which was locked up. The hospital is clean and appears to be well run and provides a fairly high standard of treatment.

W.Cs. and ablution facilities are inadequate for the number of patients.

There is a reasonably well equipped kitchen in the basement but it was not clean at the time of inspection.

Information was obtained to the effect that the Minister of the Interior is going to open up a medical stores depot at ASSISI within the next month or so.

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SIENA

21 C.C.S. now occupy what was formerly the Italian Military Hospital at SIENA. The latter was an annexe of 250 beds to the main Italian Military Hospital at FLORENCE, and was originally situated at LEGHORN but moved to SIENA on account of military operations and damage at LEGHORN. When 21 CCS took over the premises at SIENA only the staff of the Italian Hospital were there and no patients. All that now remains of the Italian organization is a Lt. Col. Pharmacist, some C.Ns. and the Medical Stores which are fairly considerable.

The Italian equipment includes 300 beds complete, 225 of which have been loaned to 21 CCS. There is a Pathological laboratory complete but surgical and other technical equipment remains at LEGHORN.

The medical stores are mostly boxed up and are said to be sufficient to supply a 250 bedded hospital with all necessary drugs and dressings for 6 months.

As it would have involved several days work to check all the items, the Italian Lt. Col. was asked to mark official catalogue (attached) in red at items which are deficient. It may be taken that all the other items unmarked on the list are in the store in sufficient quantity to supply a hospital as mentioned above.

It is intended to open a 250 bedded hospital at LEGHORN and to remove beds and stores there from SIENA. This will effect the supply



Subject: Italian Hospital Accommodation

3 District  
Ext 71  
205.M

D.A.D.M.S.  
Army Sub Commission MMIA  
H.Q. A.C.C.

11 Sep '44

'Q' 3 District  
M.M.I.A. L.O. 3 District

Ref your W/17/1721 dated 26 Aug '44.

1. Owing to the uncertainty of moves of British Hospitals and the possibility, with the approach of winter weather, of having to 'house' some hospitals, now under canvas, it is regretted that no sites or buildings at present occupied by British hospitals can be offered in the immediate future.
2. The whole question has been referred to 'A/Q' this H.Q. who is endeavouring to find other accommodation for Italian Hospitals.
3. Future correspondence on this subject, should be addressed to A/Q Branch.

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*A.V. Dickie*

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Brigadier,  
D.D.M.S.

Subject: Ex-Ital Military Hospitals.

Army Sub Commission, MMIA  
H.Q., A.C.C.  
ROME  
AQ/7  
13 Sept 44

H.Q.  
A.C.C.

1. Attached at Appendix 'A' is a translation of Ministry of War, Medical Directorate letter 6/2363/954A of 8 Sept 44. It represents the difficulties in obtaining medical supplies for the ex-military hospitals which were struck off the strength of the Italian Army Medical Services w.e.f; 25 July 44.
2. Appendix 'B' is a list of hospitals concerned. These hospitals care for "over 30-day" patients and repatriated sick and wounded ex Ps.O.W.
3. It is requested that arrangements be made for medical supplies to these hospitals through ACC and civilian channels.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Major General,  
Army Sub Commission, ACC.

/RBG

Copy to: Ministry of War  
Int: Med. —

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translation

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

Ref: 6/2363/954

8 Sept 44.

Subject:- Medical Supplies for Hospitals on Civilian Rations

To, Ministero dell'Interno, Direzione Gen. San. Pubblica  
Army Sub Comm. ACC. - for information

This follows letter 1/3140/San dated 19.8.44.

We communicate to the Directorate of Health that the Military Command of Puglia and Lucania has informed us that the hospitals drawing civilian rations find difficulties in obtaining medical supplies from civilian firms.

We beg MMIA to get in touch with competent authorities so as to ensure the regular supply of medical stores which is indispensable for the correct functioning of the medical establishments named above.

PER IL MINISTRO  
per IL DIRETTORE GENERALE s.p.s.  
F. CALDAROLA  
IL COLONNELLO MEDICO N. MAUGERI



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IL COLONNELLO MEDICO N. MAUGERI

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LIST OF MILITARY HOSPITALS HANDLED OVER FOR THE USE OF "OVER 30-DAY"  
PATIENTS, REPATRIATED SICK AND WOUNDED P.S.O.W.

	S T A F F		Beds Equipped
	Off.	Orgs.	
<u>CAMPANIA</u>			
Osp. Scuole G. Arcoleo	6	60	200
<u>CALABRIA</u>			
Osp. Civile	2	31	100
"	1	8	25
"	1	10	80
Osp. C.R.I.			
Gov. V.R. S. Cristina	2	40	200
<u>Puglia &amp; Inconia</u>			
Osp. Militare	18	138	513
"	12	83	310
"	17	121	415
"	7	72	200
"	9	86	454
"	18	145	450
Convul. Depot	4	33	600
"	4	20	700
Osp. C.R.I.	-	-	210
Osp. Civile	-	-	250
<u>SARDINIA</u>			
Osp. Mil. Riserva	13	279	686

( § = functioning with civilians )

Santeramo	454
Altamura	450
Giovinezza	600
"    Diaz	700
Conval. Depot	210
"    "	250
Osp. C.R.I.	
Osp. Civile	

( § = functioning with civilians )

SARDINIA

Osp. Mil. Riserva	686
"    "	590
"    "	542
"    "	
"    "	
Conval. Depot	288
"    "	111

SICILY

Osp. S. Lorenzo Colla	400
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Bonorva	279
San Iuri	123
Oschiri	89
Tempio	
Carbonia	
Bosa	33
Pozzo Maggiore	34
	431

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Subject: Hospital accommodation

Army Sub Commission, MMIA  
H.Q., A.C.G.  
ROME  
AO/T  
" Sept 44

Ministry of War

Reference your 300711/C.A. of 7 Sept 44.

1. The site occupied by 66 (Br) General Hospital in Catania was offered to the Italian authorities in a letter to your Medical Directorate on 20.6.44

It was stated that it would be made available when vacated by the British unit.

2. The Italian Command, Sicily, should be instructed to contact HQ 56 Area, confirm these arrangements still stand and thereafter proceed to take over the hospital building.

*F.F. Noam*  
*fw* Major General,  
Army Sub Commission, ACC.

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Copy to: HQ 56 Area  
MMIA IO Sicily  
Internal - Medical

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1	30 Aug	SURG	G-4

DF/jd

Attention is invited to basic communication and 1st indorsement. Prior to dispatch it is desired that you comment as to the advisability of giving this information through technical channels since it involves a possible request from the British for property now under control of PBS.

For The SURGEON:

*Fisher/ae*

DAVID FISHER  
Lt Colonel, MC  
Acting Executive Officer

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PBS. do not realize hospital accommodation required for ITI ITIS which serves both BRIT. ITIS and U.S. ITIS. and ITI ITIS. . i.e. ~~communal~~ communal aided benefit, not British

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BASIC: Ltr Army Sub Commission, MMIA, subj; Ital Hosp Accommodations,  
dtd 26 Aug 44

BFMED 1st Ind. LAD/JSS/del  
HQ. P.B.S., Office of The Surgeon, AFO 782, 29 August 1944.

TO: D.A.D.M.S., Army Sub Commission, MMIA, Hq ACC, Rome.

1. No hospitals are at present available to the Surgeon, PBS, for allotment for Italian military accommodations. While it is true that the 36th General, 78th Station Hospital and the 27th Evacuation Hospital have been recently closed, the sites formerly occupied by these units have been acquired by AFHQ, NATOUSA and SOS NATOUSA Headquarters groups.

2. It is anticipated that the 3rd General Hospital at San Leucio will be released within the next 30 days. It is to be pointed out, however, that the equipment and supplies in this hospital are items of equipment belonging to the hospital which will be carried with the unit when it leaves so that the barracks buildings which now house the hospital will be essentially nothing but empty shells.

3. It is also anticipated that the Scuola Belle Arte, located in Naples, will be vacated by the 70th Station Hospital in approximately one month. Insofar as use of this building for hospital purposes is concerned, it will be found in much the same condition after evacuation by the 70th Station Hospital as the building mentioned in paragraph 2.

For The SURGEON:

*Leonard A. Davis*  
LEONARD A. DAVIS  
1st Lt., MAC  
OFFICE EXECUTIVE

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For The SURGEON:

LEONARD A. DAVIS  
1st Lt., MAC  
OFFICE EXECUTIVE

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**SECRET**

Subject Italian Hospital Accommodation

Army Sub Commission, MMIA  
H.Q., A.C.C.  
ROME  
E/17/1721  
26 August 44

FBS (for the Surgeon)  
DDMS 3 District

1. Accommodation in Italian military hospitals in Campania has again become an acute problem. On 23 Aug 44 there were 3653 beds equipped and 3577 occupied. Future troop movements from Sardinia to the mainland will further accentuate this problem during the next three months.
2. If any hospital site at present occupied by the Allies is likely to become vacant in the near future, please inform this office.
3. If no hospitals are available, it is requested that other suitable buildings be allotted as Italian military hospital accommodation. 800 beds are required, preferably as one hospital, but any buildings capable of holding 200 patients would be suitable.

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

Copy to: DMS HQ AAI - for information.

MMIA IO ofo FBS )  
MMIA IO 3 District ) to contact FBS and 3 District  
and inform Italian Medical  
Directorate of any  
accommodation offered

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AC 1844 (.) ~~RESTRICTED~~ (.) Hospital Accommodation 400 beds urgently required for Italian troops in Ancona Area (.) Can just hospital be allotted (.) If not can you make available suitable alternative accommodation

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
R.C. & M.G. Section  
APO 394

Ref/235/17/GA.

18 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Military Hospital, ARPINO.

TO ✓: IMIA.

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1. The attached copy of letter and indorsement from Public Health Sub-Commission is forwarded for your information.
2. Please advise this Section of the action taken with a copy to Public Health Sub-Commission.

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*Shorden*  
ROBERT E. FISKE  
Colonel,  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner.

Copy to: Public Health Sub-Comm (Your 3069/4/FH of 15 July 1944. refers)

M/17/15024

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
AFO 394  
PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMMISSION

ACC/3069/4/PH

15 July 1944

SUBJECT : Italian Military Hospital, Arpino.

TO : RC & MG Section  
Headquarters A.C.C.

1. The following letter and endorsement was received this date:

SUBJECT : Italian Military Hospital, Arpino.

TO : Director of Public Health, Region IV.

1. The Director of the Italian Military Hospital at Arpino advised the undersigned that this hospital has been forsaken by their command. At present they have only five (5) patients, all Italian soldiers. They are short of food supplies and medical supplies. The staff of 15 both officers and men want to know what disposition they should take. Because they have no transportation they came to me for advice. The hospital has considerable military hospital equipment.

2. Will you kindly contact the proper Italian Military channels in Rome and advise as soon as possible.

For the Provincial Commissioner,

ANTHONY PINO, MAJ., M.C.  
SAPHO PROSINONE PROVINCE

R4/PH/121

1st Ind.

TNP/lr

Col. T.N. Page, Regional Public Health Officer, ACC Region IV, 12/7/1944

TO : Public Health Sub-Commission, Hqs. ACC. AFO 394.

Forwarded for your information and action.

THOMAS N. PAGE  
Col. M.C. 5423  
R.P.H.O.

2. I suggest that appropriate action be taken by your section.

For Brigadier G.S. PARKINSON

WILSON C. WILLIAMS  
Lt. Colonel, M.C., Deputy Director,  
Public Health Sub-Commission

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Subject: Hospital Accommodation - Sicily

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

Main H.Q. (MIA)

ROME

M/17/1397

18 July 44

Ministero della Guerra,  
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

No 7806 Italian Military Hospital at Palermo has recently been turned over to 12th Italian Corps complete with equipment and supplies.

The present staff are prisoners of war and were loaned to operate the hospital. They are shortly to be taken away.

MIA LO Sicily states that 12 Medical Officers 2 Pharmacists and 25 trained men are required to staff the hospital. It is impossible to secure medical personnel locally. It is also stated that the 150 men to come from Calabria are not sufficiently trained.

Please enquire into this matter and take whatever action is necessary to provide a suitable staff for this hospital at an early date.

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*W.C.H.*

Major,

D.A.D.M.S.

Army Sub Commission ACC.

/EBG

Copy to: MIA LO Sicily



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Subject: Hospital Accommodation - Sicily

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.  
Main H.Q. (MIA)  
LEQUILE (LECCE)  
M/17/1297

26 June 44

Army Sub Commission, ACC  
MIA L.O. Sicily  
c/o I.E.S. APO 550

Many thanks for information  
in your 302 of 23 June 44.

Italian authorities are arranging  
to send 150 medical personnel from Calabria to Sicily.  
50 arriving approximately 18 July, 50 by 20 July and a  
further 50 later.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

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

/RRG

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Army Sub Commission ACC  
(MMIA) L.O. Sicily  
c/o I.B.S. APO 550

No. 302

23 June 1944

Subject: Hospitals - Accommodations in Sicily.

To : GOC Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)  
Attention: Medical Officer

1. Ref your M/17/1161 dated 12 June 1944 have the following information re hospital accommodations in Sicily.

a The 66 Gen Hosp at Catania will be derequisitioned by the British and turned over to the Italian Army. See our No.292 dated 22 June.

b (1) The "S Lorenzo Colli military Hosp at Palermo, a 400 bed hosp is already operated by the Italian Army. It is filled at the present time to capacity.

(2) Catania Military hospital - 150 bed.

(3) A hospital unit at Messina - 60 bed.

c M.O. IBS informed me this date that:

(1) Hosp # 7606, a 750 bed hosp located at Palermo, by direction of AFHQ will be turned over to the Italian Army between 1-10 July. This was formerly a military hosp and could be expanded into 1000 beds. It is fairly well equipped and a large amount of supplies - lacking some items. It is now used for Italian Ps W and the operating staff and personnel are Ps W - they will not remain with the hospital. After 10 July what Ps W remain here will probably be hospitalized at a U.S. hospital.

(2) The 154 U.S. Station Hospital (150 bed) and 34 U.S. Station Hospital (250 bed) are located at the Polyclinic Hosp of the University of Palermo, a civilian hosp. The Hosp had some equipment but a great deal was destroyed by bombing. The U.S. Hospitals are using their own equipment which of course they will take with them upon departure. The 154 Sta Hosp will depart about 10 July and the 34 Sta Hosp will remain operating.

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2. Will keep you informed regarding hosp situation in Sicily.  
2. Medical personnel to operate the hospitals seems to be quite critical here in Sicily.

*Lester R Albert*  
LESTER R ALBERT  
Lt Col Inf  
L O Sicily

Copy to: C.O. IBS Att: Medical Officer (Info)

M/17/1294

M.d.W. informed  
Personnel being sent Sicily from Calabria.



Subject :- BONOMO Hospital

Army Sub Commission, ACC  
Main HQ (MHA)  
Lequille (Lecco)  
AC/12

1st June 44

HQ No 2 District

Ref your L488/7 dated 18 June 44.

1. The Italian Army is experiencing great difficulty in finding alternative accommodation for stores and beds from the BONOMO Hospital.
2. The GIULIO Cesare Institute, via Corso CAVOUE, BARI, which is capable of holding 400 beds, was up to the Armistice, an Italian Military Hospital.
3. This building would well serve the purpose for which it is required, if it could be made available. It is understood that only a small detachment of C.I.P. are at present billeted there.
4. The alternative accommodation, which has been offered at TURI, is unfortunately unsuitable for the following reasons:-
  - a) No train service
  - b) 29 km from BARI.
5. It is essential for the Italians to have accommodation in BARI because:-
  - a) A large number of troops and Dock workers are based on BARI
  - b) The Italian Army is short of Ambulances.
6. It is, therefore, requested that the GIULIO Cesare Institute be made available, or any other suitable alternative accommodation found in BARI.

JB/cc

*F. J. Noonan*  
Maj Gen  
Army Sub Comd, ACC

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*F. J. Novak*  
 Maj Gen  
 Army Sub Comm, ACC

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Copy to:- HQ 6 Base Sub Area  
 MILA LO at No 2 District  
 Med. MILA,

JE/cc

*W. H. M. 25/6/43*  
~~*M/17/1273*~~

Subject: Italian Army Medical Services - Sicily

Army Sub Commission, A.C.S.  
Main H.Q. (MIA)  
MCHILE (MCCO)  
M/17/1254

21 June 44

ADMS  
56 Area

Copy to: DDMS No 3 District

1. Your M/6A/2733 of 18 June 44 received and the information passed to Medical Directorate, Italian Ministry of War.
2. Medical supplies for Italian co-belligerent forces will in future be sent to Palermo as this is more convenient for 12th Italian Corps.
3. Disinfectants and other similar R&BC supplies will presumably still be drawn from British sources in the Catania - Syracuse Area on receipt of release authority. Redistribution is made through medical channels in the Italian Army.

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

Army Sub Commission

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report Italian military hospital and materials exist in GHEMI (.)  
If suitable to Allied arrangements request this hospital remain  
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HOSPITAL AND STATE IN CAMPANIA as at 31 May 44

<u>Hospital</u>	<u>Beds Equipped</u>	<u>Beds Occupied</u>
Mil. Hosp. Naples	820	725
" " Caserta in Maddaloni	688	654
" " Pagani (1)	380	294
" " Aversa	205	183
" " Pozzuoli	80	72
Stab. Balneo-Termale di Ischia	60	57
Hosp. "Principessa Piemonte"		280
Naples	320	136
" C.R.I. Pozzuoli	250	200
" "Cotugno" S. Giorgio a Cremano	250	62
R. Cliniche Universitarie Napoli	90	250
Hosp. "Villa Russo" Napoli	300	
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Totals -	3443	2913
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(1) There is functioning at Pagani a Convalescent Depot of 136 beds. This number is included in the total given.

## NOTES ON ITALIAN MEDICAL SERVICES

### Campania

1. The requests of the Commanding General, Campania are logical and deserve full consideration. MILA have, since March 44 repeatedly brought to the notice of AII, FES and 3 District the rapidly increasing numbers of Italian troops in Campania and the necessity of providing hospital facilities. Only now, since the forward move of our own troops has it been possible to give any consideration to this matter and certain hospital buildings are being returned to the Italian Army. A crisis in Italian hospital accommodation occurred early in May and the use of a hospital train was made available once per week for evacuation to the less crowded areas of Eastern Italy. As late as 4 May 44, further Italian hospital accommodation was requisitioned, 10,000 bed space and 6,000 beds, mattresses and other hospital furniture was requisitioned by the Allies after the invasion of Italy. The Italians were left with 1,100 beds which by their own unaided efforts they have managed to increase to 3443 beds, located in 11 hospitals (see attached state as at 31/5/44).  
*These figures are for Campania only.*
2. Their reserve supply of beds and other hospital furniture is therefore exhausted. It would appear logical to hand back to the Italians (as has been ordered by AFHQ) their own equipment rather than issue Allied materials. Beds, mattresses and other hospital furniture are in greater need than actual drugs.
3. Further ambulance cars will shortly be sent to Campania, as an ambulance platoon (with 58 Allied vehicles) has just been formed for the use of Italian Medical Services.
4. The medical supply situation in respect of drugs has greatly improved in the last 4 weeks, but certain items, particularly anti-syphilitic drugs are in short supply in British as well as Italian Depots.
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It is recommended that:-

(a) All Italian equipment, especially beds, mattresses and hospital furniture be handed back as soon as possible rather than issue Allied material.

(b) In order to avoid a repetition of the complete disorganisation of the Italian Medical Services in Rome, some consideration of their likely needs of hospital accommodation should be given now.

(c) PES responsibility for treatment of 212 Division troops should only be extended to cover the minor sick normally retained by any Division. Serious cases should be sent to Italian General Hospitals which remain under direct command of IV. AA. Campania.

SUBJECT: Hospital Accommodation.

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H.Q., A.A.I., C.M.P.  
Brt. 323.  
3522 H.

14 Jun 44

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D.D.M.S., 3 District.

Copy to: Q.2., H.Q., A.A.I.  
The Army Sub Commission,  
Allied Control Commission.

1. On the move of 104 General Hospital to ROME, it is not intended to open another medical unit on the vacant site.
2. Will you please say if you are prepared for the buildings to be handed over to the Italian Military Medical Authorities should they require them?
3. Before replying, it is requested that you will obtain agreement to your proposals from H.Q., 3 District.

*A/Q to see a return.*

JGS/PP.

*8/19/46*

*James J.anni*

*5414*

*M/17/1223*

Lt. Col. Major-General,  
D.D.M.S., A.A.I.

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SUBJECT: Hospital Accommodation.

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.  
Main HQ (MMIA)  
LEQUILE (LECOE)  
AQ/12

19 June 44.

Ministry of War.

Ref your letter, 8685/1 dated 16 June 44.

1. It is noted that the High Commissioner for P.W. states that it is intended to repatriate wounded P.W. in the near future, in 3 Groups; strengths 640 - 900 - 250, total 1790.
2. From information received by this H.C. 350 P.W. only will be repatriated in early July, and that no large numbers of P.W. will be repatriated thereafter for some time.
3. The present Italian hospital accommodation is quite sufficient to absorb these 350, and if necessary a further 1,000, provided that there are no further repatriations on a large scale during the following two months.

tvs, JGB.

Copy to: Army Sub Commission, Adv HQ (SALERNO.)  
Med. MMIA.

*W. J. N. Jones*  
for Major General.  
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Hospital Accommodation - Italian Army.

H.Q., A.A.I., C.M.F.  
Ext 323.  
3651 M.

The Army Sub Commission,  
Allied Control Commission.

16 Jun 44.

Reference your L/17/1177 of 13 June 44, and letter No. 1/1752/San dated 31 May 44 from the Director General Italian Medical Services, the Italian Ministry of War, attached thereto:-

(1) The question of Italian Military hospital facilities in territory now occupied by the Allied Forces, and in those parts of Italy which are likely to be liberated, is already receiving careful consideration by this Headquarters.

(2) The Allied policy in the case of RGE is that Allied hospitals will not be established in Italian hospital premises if alternative accommodation exists elsewhere, i.e. in schools, Fascist buildings and the like.

(3) As you are aware, British hospital sites which have been, and are now being vacated, and are not required for other purposes are being placed at your disposal. The following have already been offered:-

Italian Civil Hospital	FORNIZIA
Italian Civil Hospital	FORTEMI
Hospital Buildings	AFRAGOLA
66 (Dr) Gen Hosp site	CATANIA

(4) Should any particular problem arise in the future, it is requested that it be submitted as a separate issue and all possible help will be given.

JGJ/lgn.

*Stanley J. Gani*  
L. Col. Major-General,  
D.M.S., A.A.I.

Copy sent to M. of W. 20/6/44.

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11/17/437

Subject: Hospital Accommodation "BONOMO"

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.  
Main HQ (MMA)  
LEVIIE. (LSDCE)  
AG/12

17 June 44.

Ministry of War

Further to our letter M/17/1154 dated 11 June 44.

1. The G.O.C. No.2 District has given his decision that the Ospedale BONOMO, Corso Sicilia, BARI will be evacuated and made available to the Allied Authorities.

2. The Ministry of War will therefore make the following arrangements to evacuate:-

(a) Bed and Kitchen space by 20 June 44.

(b) Medical stores by 1 Aug 44.

jrp/JB

*Spott Shipley Hald*  
Major General  
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

Copy to: HQ No.2 District  
HQ 6 Base Sub Area  
MMA LG 2 District  
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*WCH* File No  
M/17/1154/1

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Originator's No. Ref MIA (AO 1253 ) of 12(.) Decision of GOC & Diat is for bed and kitchen space to be handed over to 26 Gen Hosp by 20 June Italian medical stores remaining meanwhile in site (.) Stores acc to be vacated under arrangements made by MIA by 1 Aug.(.) hitted acc in BKS as specified by comd 6 BSA may be erected elsewhere for storage purposes (.) 6 BSA will communicate decision to US med authority

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~~WMA~~

17/6/44

~~A/Q notify M.O.W.~~

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elsewhere for storage purposes (.) 6 PSA will communicate decision to US med authority

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~~W.H.~~

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~~A/Q indy M.W.~~

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Foot: Hospital Accommodation - Italian Army

Army Sub Commission AGO  
Main L. Q. (MIA)  
ESQUILIE (ZAGOR)  
AG/12

15 June 44

H. Q.  
2 District

1. It is understood that it is desired to requisition the remaining part of the Italian Military Hospital "Bonomo" Bari, in order to provide a 600-bedded expansion for 26 General Hospital (American).

2. The "Bonomo" was formerly the principal military hospital and still contains all the official records and statistics of the Italian Medical Services. There is a large Medical Depot Stores containing several hundred tons of equipment and drugs. Since losing the main part of the building the hospital and stores have been reconstructed during the past 4 months in the reduced available quarters. 4,000 bed space in many of the better hospital buildings in Apulia have already been requisitioned by the Allies. Moreover the 600 beds are used for Italian troops waiting for the Allies in Bari.

3. It would be greatly appreciated if, after due consideration of Allied needs, alternative arrangements could be made in order to leave the 600 beds at the disposal of the Italian Army.

4. Failing this, it is strongly urged that:-  
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(b) alternative accommodation (in Bari if possible) and assistance in transport for the move be provided.

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/RBC

*J. Brown*  
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Major-General,  
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.

4/11/44



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Subject: Medical Accommodation

Army Sub Commission, A.S.C.  
Main Bldg. (M.H. 244)  
LAWRENCE (LAWREN)  
12/17/1947

11- 2200 4/

Ministero della Guerra,  
Direzione Generale di Sanità Militare.

I am instructed to inform you that all  
buildings of the Ospedale S. PIETRO, Corso Sicilia, Bari will be  
immediately vacated and made available for the Allied authorities.

If this accommodation is required at an early  
date, evacuation arrangements will be commenced at once.

As the ambulance platoon is not yet completely  
formed, application may be made to M.H. 244 for  
assistance of ambulance cars if required.

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

/RCS

Copy to: MSA in 2 District

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REPORT ON "BONOMO" HOSPITAL

- 11 June 0900 hrs. Informed by A/Q that the remaining part of this hospital (600 beds) required for urgent operational reasons by 26 American Field Hospital. Agreed. Instructed Ministry of War by telephone and letter accordingly.
- 1130 hrs. Received letter from Ministry of War protesting (copy attached). Verbal message from Ministry of War that General Caldarola would like to see Commander. Suggested that it be represented through Cabinet. Showed M of W letter to A/Q and agreed to go to Bari, re alternative accommodation.
- 12 June Medical 2 District knew nothing of these arrangements.  
12 June A/Q Major ?? had a copy of 6 Base Sub Area letter.  
In view of the fact that requisition of Italian hospitals can only be made on authority of 2 District and not 6 Base Sub Area requested that it should be reconsidered and relative needs to be decided by 2 District.
- 13 June Informed Staff Capt. Q - Col Shipley of previous days proceedings. Signal sent to 6 Base Sub Area cancelling agreement pending 2 District decision.
- 14 June 2 District (Medical) phoned - requested me to come to Bari to inspect Bonomo with A.D.M.S. - this was done. ADMS later requested me to wait while he saw Col. i/c Administration. I was then asked in to state the Italian case. Following this General Nares interviewed all concerned.
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Notes:

If alternative accommodation ~~not~~ available there is ~~not~~ reason why the hospital cannot be moved, but the effects on the Italian Medical Service are,

(a) to pack up and reopen will take at least a month as there is about a thousand tons of medical stores, hospital furniture etc. and medical G 1098 equipment. **5407**

(b) all these stores have been reconstructed during the past 4 months. Large cupboards reaching to the ceiling would have to be taken to pieces and rebuilt in order to be moved by motor transport.

(c) Italians state that they could not get a high-tension point for their X-ray elsewhere (this is doubtful).

(d) This hospital is their "Millbank" and contains statistics and records.

(e) Consider it is needlessly upsetting the Italian Medical Service and up to the present little effort has been made to find an alternative which might prove suitable to the Americans.

Do not know how urgent Americans claims are but this is a decision for 2 District after consideration of claims of both parties. This is now being done.



COPY OF TRANSLATION

SPARE

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Direzione Generale di Sanità Militare

Ref: 1/1905/San

11 June 44

Subject: Order to Evacuate Bonoma Military Hospital

To: Army Sub Commission, AGC

We are informed by phone of the order of evacuation by E District of Bonoma Military Hospital which is the most important military hospital of IX Army Corps.

It is noted:

- 1) The requisition of Bonoma Hospital will deprive IX Army Corps of its principal hospital and of the only one which is sufficiently equipped for diagnostic purposes and which has medico-legal functions.
- 2) Bonoma military hospital had to be reorganised with much labour in a reduced accommodation as the most important hospital buildings were requisitioned by the Allies in December 1943.
- 3) Until now about 4,000 hospital beds were requisitioned by the Allies in Apulia and as is known to MMIA, Apulia must receive patients coming from combat zones from Campania and repatriated sick P.W. from over seas.
- 4) At 31 May 44, the 690 beds of Bonoma Hospital were all occupied, the equipment, capacity and capacity of other remaining hospitals in Bari (De Venere - 150, Bellila - 527, Del Prete - 289) are quite inadequate for the functioning of hospital military service in Bari area.
- 5) The Bonoma hospital there is the medical stores of drugs and mobilisation equipment and hospital furniture of IX Army Corps, and it would be quite difficult to find some alternative accommodation.

Therefore it is quite clear that the requisitioning of Bonoma Hospital would be of really serious prejudice.

We beg therefore, the Army Sub Commission to:

- a) examine the possibility of rescinding these orders,

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We beg therefore, the Army Sub Commission to:

- a) examine the possibility of rescinding these orders,
- b) alternatively, but less satisfactory, to obtain at least from No 2 District, the assignment of a suitable building to reconstruct the hospital again.

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(signed) IL DIRETTORE GENERALE  
F. CALABROIA



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Subject: Hospital Accommodation - Italian Army

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.  
Main H.Q. (M.M.I.A.)  
LEQUITE (LECCE)  
M/17/1177

13 June 44

DMS AAI

The attached translation of a letter received from Medical Directorate, Italian Ministry of War is forwarded for your consideration.

*W. G. Heggie*  
Major, R.A.M.C.  
D.A.D.M.S.  
Army Sub Commission, ACC.

/RBG

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No. 785020

Subject: Hospital Accommodation and Equipment-  
ITALIAN ARMY.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

Main HQ. (NOLA)

LEGHIS. (LIVORNO)

AG/26

June 14

HQ. 57. Area. C/F.

Reference HQ 3 District 2058 dated 25 May to this HQ., copy to you.

Would you please say when the three floors in the Albergo dei Poveri at Naples will be available.

*F. J. N. Jaws*

Lt. Col.

A.A. & C.H.G.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

rh/FJH

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Copy to: HQ. 3 District.

MMIA, MED.

MMIA, IO. Naples.

*Wad.*  
*26/5/64*  
*mp 7/1099*

COPY OF TRANSLATION

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

Ref. 1/1732/San

31 May 44

Subject: Programme for Hospitals Facilities in Areas being  
Liberated

To: Army Sub Commission, ACC.

With regard to the present progress of the Allies, we believe it necessary to consider the problem of hospital facilities in the regions that are being liberated or will be liberated.

It would be desirable that the Allied HQ take into consideration in its future programme the need for reserving some hospitals in the zones being liberated for the Italian Army, for the Italian troops that will eventually have to be lodged there. Also, inasmuch as the requirements for hospital facilities in liberated Italy have almost exhausted the supply of bedding material and medical material in warehouses under our command.

We have confidence in the MMIA to see that the problem be taken into consideration at the proper time.

(signed) IL DIRETTORE GENERALE  
F. Caldarella

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SUBJECT:- Hospital Accommodation and Equipment  
Italian Army

3 District  
Tel Ext 71  
205 M

A  
DIMS  
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.  
Main HQ (MHA) Lecce.

25 May 44

DHS, AAI,  
AIMS 57 Area,  
'Q' 3 District

*file m/17.*

Reference your M/1/801 of 6 May 44, para 3.

1. It is agreed that the three floors in the Albergo dei Poveri at Naples should be made available for the Italian Medical Service. Will you please take this up with 57 Area.
2. It is regretted that the four pavilions at PAGANI are not available, but alternative accommodation at VILLA ALBA ALBA CAVA will be released by 94 Sub-Area. This should provide the 1,000 beds requested.
3. Arrangements have been made with Staff Captain Medical Movements of this HQ, c/o AIMS 57 Area, to provide an Ambulance Train once a week, to transfer chronic sick and long-term cases to Eastern Italy. At present, this can be arranged once weekly, but is subject to cancellation at short notice if the train be required for operational reasons.
4. It is confirmed that no further requisition of the Malta Cross Hospital will be made at present.

*Raymond Mays*  
Brigadier,  
D.D.M.S.

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*m/17/1041*

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

OFFICE OF THE SURGEON  
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Subject:- Medical Arrangements - Italian.

Reference:- M. 1082.

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

Reference Italian Army Medical Sitrep No. 5 for week ending  
30. 4. 44, para 10.

Analysis of figures of patients in Hospital shows that only  
in the Campanian Group is there a high occupancy.

It is suggested that you may be able in the near future to  
spare say a platoon of M.A.C. to transfer a block of patients to a less  
congested area.

Enquiries are being made to find out if any captured tentage  
is available in North Africa for release to A.A.I. to provide expansions  
of existing Italian Military Hospitals.

*Ratcliffe*

R.A. Hepple, Brigadier, D.D.M.S.,  
for Major-General,  
Surgeon, D.M.S., A.F.H.Q.

26 May 44.  
RAH/EFP.

Copy to:- D.A.D.M.S.,  
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.,  
Main H.Q. (M.M.I.A.),  
C.M.F.

*Col. Shipley for info.*

*A/Q to see return*

*N.B. by tentage is meant large tents of patients, not bivouacs.*

*5401  
M/17/1034*

Subject: Hospital Accommodation

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.  
Liaison R.O. (M.M.I.A.)  
LENOXVILLE (LENOX)  
14/17/1972

June 44

Surgeon P. L.S.  
D.D.S.S. No 3 District

Copy to: DES AII  
L.O. Army Sub Comm. ACC. NAPLES

1. Italian hospital accommodation in Campania is acute. Further Italian troops are arriving from Sardinia and increased accommodation and equipment, especially beds and mattresses are urgently required by the Italian Medical Service.
2. It is thought that with the advances on Rome, certain of the Allied hospitals at present in Campania may move forward. Any information on hospital sites likely to be vacant would be welcomed by this R.O.  
Italian beds and mattresses and other hospital furniture is required and it would be appreciated if any Italian equipment of this nature, if not required for Allied needs, could be notified to the Italian medical authorities in Campania through Army Sub Commission, Liaison Office, Post Office Buildings, Naples.
3. Failing the return of Italian hospital equipment it will be necessary to provide this from Allied sources when the anomalous situation will arise of the Allies using Italian equipment and vice versa.
4. Your co-operation in this matter is requested.



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*W. L. Heggie*

Major, R.A.M.C.  
D.A.D., M.F.  
Army Sub Commissioner, ACC.

/RDS

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ACC Main for GEFENTAUER			

Originator's No. H 1066 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Understand American hospital wish to  
 requisition a further part of MATA hospital (.) Earnestly request this remain  
 at disposal of Italians in view of hospital congestion in Campania and as it  
 contains ONLY repeat ONLY properly equipped surgical theatre left to Italian  
 medical services in NAPLES

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*W. Haggie*

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REG MIA

AG 2441 (S) REQUEST MEDICAL INFO RM HIGGINS

DAVIDS MIA IS NOW VISITING THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL WISHED REQUISITION

PURV MANTA HOSPITAL IN CAMPANIA

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AG/247 (s) PUNISHED (s) request Medical Inform Unit  
DANIS WIA now visiting Shah American hospital wishes recognition  
PORT NAIFA hospital in CASAMPA

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Originator's No. M 976 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Further my M/1/801 of 6 May (.)  
 Have any facilities for increasing hospital accommodation in Campania  
 been made available (.) Total number of Italian troops in Campania will  
 increase considerably in next 6 weeks (.) Understand FOUR Pavilions at  
 PAGANI now unoccupied but not available for Italians (.) Present position  
 acute and will become worse unless accommodation provided

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(W) For Information (INFO)

N 914 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Italian hospital accommodation situation south in CAMPANIA (.) Ministry of war report only 217 empty beds (.) Italian Field Hospitals in EIGHTH Army also full and danger of MADDALONI being unable to take passes from forward areas (.) Can you assist with ambulance cars to partially clear MADDALONI to other hospitals in CAMPANIA or walking cases by coach or hospital train to Eastern Italy (.)

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Subject: Orthopaedic Hospital BARI

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.  
Main H.Q. (M.W.I.A.)  
REQUIRE (ACC)  
11/17/687

May 44

DD S No 1 District

Copy to: D S HQ AAI

Reference your letters 1/26/4/5084  
and 1/26/4/5089 of 22 and 28 April 44 (not to AAI).

1. The Orthopaedic Hospital at Bari  
will not be open until mid-June, 1944.

2. From perusal of the nominal roll, it  
would appear that the wounded Italian soldiers and sailors  
whom it is desired to send to Bari are of PW status,  
and would in effect involve their repatriation.

This Sub Commission has no authority  
to make arrangements of this nature.

3. Civilian cases should be referred  
to ACC.

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*Accumulate file*

*Walt*

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

Army Sub Commission, ACC.

/REG

SUBJECT:- Movement of Patients By Rail.

Army S.C. (Luce)  
H.C., A.A.I., G.M.F.  
Ex. 523.  
3525 M. U 4018

9 May 44.

*Handwritten initials*

Army Sub Commission,  
A.S.C.

Recommended file

Copy to:- D.D.M.S., 2 District.  
D.D.M.S., 3 District.  
A.D.M.S., 57 Area.

Reference your V/1/201 dated 6 May, 44.

1. Para. 3 (b). Your request made to the D.D.M.S., 3 District for the evacuation of Italian military sick by ambulance train from Western to Eastern Italy has been considered. It is regretted that no help can be given during the month of May as the British ambulance trains have a very full programme to carry out.
2. As soon as it is possible to allot you the use of a train once a week or once every 10 days, you will be informed.
3. Please keep in touch with the D.D.M.S., 3 District who will be responsible for making the necessary arrangements.
4. At present two more British ambulance trains are under construction, and it is possible that a further two may be allotted to us in due course. When this programme has been completed, we should be in a position to give you all the assistance you may require.

*James Jamieson*

Lt. Col. Major-General,  
D.M.S., A.A.I.

DGI/EP.



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SECRET.

Subject : Hospital Accommodation - Italian Army - CAMPANIA -

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.  
Main HQ (MMIA) Lecce

Ref. M/1/801 6th May 1944

DDMS 3 District.

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DDMS 2 District  
ADMS 57 Area

"Q" Army Sub Commission, ACC.  
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FF.AA. della CAMPANIA, Direzione Sanita.

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Beds equipped	2599	Beds occupied	2385
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This does not include the Malta Cross Hospital at present requested by ADMS 57 Area.

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The matter is being referred to 3 District. If approved a net increase of 300-350 beds will be available for Italian Medical Services.

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Subject: Hospital Accommodation - Italian Army

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MBIA LO with Hq Allied Control Commission

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1. The Italian Medical Services wish to extend their hospital accommodation at PAGANI by making use of the pavilions within the grounds.
2. These pavilions are slightly damaged; the Italians are prepared to carry out the necessary repairs on those pavilions not required by the Allies.
3. Approval in principle has been received from Hq No 3 District in their 122/Q of 15 Mar, stating that all but four pavilions may be taken over and used by the Italians.
4. Will you please take the necessary action with Hq 94 Sub Area so that the Italians may take possession as soon as possible and start repair work prior to occupation.

*Walt 23/3. No action. File M/5. Ag. Lawrence 5/3/44 Lt Col, A.A. & Q.M.G. Ray.*

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