

0880

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/7/1976 NO.

785020

ACC

10000 | 120 | 2034

m 33

Oct

0881

Declassified E.O. 12958 Section 3-402/HQDC NO.

785020

10000 | 120 | 2034

m 33

Inspection Reports

1st Cover

Oct - Nov. 1946

TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.

REF: I/6350/San

TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE: 18 November 46

SUBJECT: Notes on inspection of Territorial Commands.

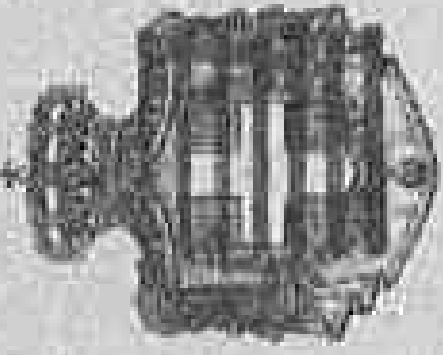
Reply to letter M/33/I of 9th inst.

With reference to the notes on the inspection of military medical establishments of Northern Italy we would inform you that:

- I) Regarding the centralisation and amalgamation of the two Sections of the Military Hospital of Genova and Varazze, the President of the Council of Ministers - High Commissariat for Hygiene and Public Health - has been approached to obtain the release of part of the building of the civilian Hospital of Quarto.
Said High Commissariat has not been able to accede to the request, nor is it possible, in view of the known destruction in the city, to find another building suitable for adaptation as a Military Hospital.
- 2) Regarding the disabled in the Varazze Section, who no longer need hospital attention, the Genoa Military Medical Directorate has been approached in order that they may be transferred to the Centre for the Disabled at Lecco.
- 3) Explanations have been requested from Milan Territorial Command regarding the displaced persons who still occupy a large part of Brescia Military Hospital.

R.A.G.

Sgd. FADDA
Gen. 6437



Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE DI SANITA' MILITARE

Divisione 1^a Sec. 1^a
 Prot. N. 216350/Allegati

Risposta al Teleg. del 9 corr. mese
 Dir. Sec. N. 216350/1

OGGETTO: osservazioni sulla visita al Comando Territoriale I.

Con riferimento alle osservazioni sulla visita agli stabilimenti sanitari militari dell'alta Italia si comunica:

- 1°) - per la centralizzazione e riunione delle due Sezioni dell'Ospedale Militare di Genova e Varazze è stato già a suo tempo interessata la Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri - Alto Commissariato per l'Igiene e la Sanità Pubblica -, per ottenere la cessione di parte dell'edificio dell'Ospedale civile di Quarto.
 Datto l'Alto Commissariato non ha ritenuto poter aderire alla richiesta della scrivente, né è possibile, dato le note distrazioni subite dalla città, trovare altro edificio disponibile ed adatto per Ospedale Militare;
- 2°) - per i mutilati ricoverati alla Sezione di Varazze, non più bisognogneroli di cure ospedaliere, è stata interessata la Direzione di Sanità Militare di Genova perché ne sia effettuato il trasferimento al Centro per Mutilati di Lecco;
- 3°) - sono stati chiesti chiarimenti al Comando Militare Territoriale di Milano circa gli sfollati che ancora occupano gran parte dell'Ospedale Militare di Brescia.

Medical Branch
 Land Forces Sub. Command
 A. C. (MILIA)

Per il MINISTRO

S. Fadda

6436

Seen

50

Roma, 18 novembre 1946

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

= P C M A =

... sezione di Varazze, non

30) - sono attuti circa 100.000.000 di lire. Il
Ritoriale di Milano circa 10.000.000 di lire.
piano grat. parte dell'Onpadale Militare di Brescia.

and. **WINTERS**

Medical Communications

Lead Forces
A. C. (MML2)
5000

South
C. (HAWAII)

1. ΔP_{12}

10

1000

Date _____ Page _____

$$\frac{30}{2}$$

22 NOV 1940

6436

25

Fadda

0885

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NHDC NO.

785020

3

Telephone:
Rome 489081 Ext 515

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AO (MIA) CMF

33 M

19. Nov 46

1. 2. 3. 4 & 7 BLUs.

Subject:- Inspection Reports.

The attached reports by DADMS on his visits to medical installations in No: 1, 2, 3, 4 & 7 Terr. Commands are forwarded for information and necessary action in so far as the report concerns your area.

JP

WDP/WF

Col,
A/Q, MIA.

6435

Telephone:
Rome, 489081 Ext 515

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC (MMIA) CMT

M/33/1

9 Nov 46

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanità Militare.

Subject:- Notes on Visit to Territorial
Commands.

I forward herewith notes of my recent visit to Nos. 1. 2.
3. 4. and 7. Territorial Commands.

MAB/WF

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

6434

18 Oct 46. L U C C A.

Visited No: 7 Terr. Comd. Secondary Hospital and Medical Coy.

Hospital Director (Lt-Col. DRAGO).

Accommodation. Equipped beds 200 (can expand to 400). Occupied 175.

The Hospital building is the premises of an old civilian hospital - the structure is very old, though roomy and airy. Staff accommodation is poor - particularly regarding cooking and feeding.

The permanent location of this hospital is at LECHORN where their building is at present requisitioned by U.S. Forces.

The Medical Coy turned out very well and training by the Technical Staff of the hospital is satisfactory.

I was impressed by the capabilities of the Chief Instructor (Lt-Col. ZICCHIERI) and his Staff.

The men are of good physique and though mostly farmers are responding well to training - about 10% are illiterate and are being given elementary education. Health is good about 1% reporting sick.

Generally a satisfactory Medical Coy and hospital - which will improve when returned to its permanent station. Accommodation for Staff and families may prove difficult in LECHORN.

19 Oct 46. G E N O A.

No: 2 BLU had no medical points to discuss.

I visited the Principal Hospital which is divided between GENOA 100 beds and VARAZZE 200 beds.

The accommodation in GENOA is very cramped and the Hospital Staff work under difficulties - the operating theatre and X Ray Room are very small. There is practically no accommodation for observation cases, consequently the Medical Board is in almost continuous session to allow cases to return home or to their unit the same day.

The Hospital Director (Lt-Col. FENGA) and officers are working well.

20 Oct 46.

I was impressed by the capabilities of the staff.

(Lt-Col. ZICCHIERI) and his staff.

The men are of good physique and though mostly farmers are responding well to training - about 10% are illiterate and are being given elementary education.

Health is good about 1% reporting sick.

Generally a satisfactory Medical Coy and hospital - which will improve when returned to its permanent station. Accommodation for staff and families may prove difficult in LECHON.

19 Oct 46. G E W O A.

No: 2 BLU had no medical points to discuss.

I visited the Principal Hospital which is divided between GENOA 100 beds and VARAZZE 200 beds.

The accommodation in GENOA is very cramped and the Hospital staff work under difficulties - the operating theatre and X Ray Room are very small. There is practically no accommodation for observation cases, consequently the Medical Board is in almost continuous session to allow cases to return home or to their unit the same day.

The Hospital Director (Lt-Col. FENGA) and officers are working well.

20 Oct 46.

I visited the overflow hospital at VARAZZE - this is a well run hospital - in a building used before the war for a children's holiday hostel and allowed excellent ward space and ample room for dining accommodation for patients and Medical Coy.

Amputees are admitted to this hospital not requiring any form of hospital treatment and as settlement of their claims to pension or gratuities are long delayed - it is recommended that cases of this nature be sent to limb fitting centres or convalescent homes.

There is an overflow of the Medical Coy at this hospital and they are being trained there.

The C.O. (Capt. SOPRANI) has this hospital and detachment organized in a very efficient manner.

There is an urgent necessity for a light truck for domestic purposes at VARAZZE where there is at present two large ambulances - an economical arrangement would be to exchange one of these vehicles for a light truck.

I inspected the Medical Coy both at GENOA and VARAZZE the turn out was good and training is proceeding on the lines laid down by the Medical Directorate of War Ministry.

The Medical Coy in GENOA has very poor accommodation in old barracks with very poor feeding and dining arrangements.

It is recommended that the hospital and medical Coy be centralized in accommodation at Quarto hospital by an agreement with the Civilian authorities similar to that which existed in 1940 - 43.

Staff deficiencies are dealt with in special reports.

21 Oct 46. T U R I N.

No: 1 BLU had no medical points to discuss.
I visited the D.D.M.S. (Col. CICCIO accompanied by G.S.O. 1 (Lt-Col. SARTORI) and these officers also accompanied me on my visit to the hospital and medical Coy.

The principal hospital is now situated in its pre-war building. Accommodation: 400 beds (can expand to 1000).
Occupied : 313.

This building is a modern structure and is in every way a first class hospital - little damaged by bombing. All specialist departments are well housed and have every facility. A very excellent theatre has been made by the Staff in the hospital and frequent shows are organized.

There is a large building flanking the main entrance of the hospital with access from the road which could be converted into a cinema which would provide entertainment for the Italian Garrison as well as hospital patients and I recommend that the proposal be given urgent consideration I think the conversion of this building could be carried out at no great expense. Other welfare requirements are Musical instruments to augment the orchestra i.e., Accordionists.

Football and football boots are also required. The C.O. (Lt-Col. TAPPI) and the secretary of this hospital take

0 8 9 0

I visited the D.D.M.S. (Col. CIGCO accompanied me (Lt-Col. GERTON)) and these officers also accompanied me on my visit to the hospital and medical Coy.

The principal hospital is now situated in its pre-war building. Accommodation: 400 beds (can expand to 1000). Occupied : 323.

This building is a modern structure and is in every way a first class hospital - little damaged by bombing.

All specialist departments are well housed and have every facility. A very excellent theatre has been made by the staff in the hospital and frequent shows are organised.

There is a large building flanking the main entrance of the hospital with access from the road which could be converted into a cinema which would provide entertainment for the Italian Garrison as well as hospital patients and I recommend that the proposal be given urgent consideration I think the conversion of this building could be carried out at no great expense. Other welfare requirements are Musical instruments to augment the orchestra i.e., Accordionists.

Football and football boots are also required. The C.O.

(Lt-Col. TAPPI) and the secretary of this hospital take great interest in welfare generally and I recommend that every assistance be given them by the welfare Branch of the War Ministry.

A problem at this hospital is fuel - where the central heating plant requires 8 tons of fuel per day - by "closing up" in the wards a minimum of 5 tons per day will be required during the winter.

Staff deficiencies are dealt with in separate reports--

Urgent requirements are:- 1 Surgeon, 1 Dermatologist, 1 Ophthalmologist, 1 Neurologist.

785020

- 3 -

A great help would be the provision of a light vehicle for the use of the C.O. and domestic use generally.

The Medical Coy turned out well the recruits are of a good class and are responding well to training.

The Coy occupies its old barrack block in the hospital compound and though one corner has been damaged by bombs repairs are in hand. Kitchen, dining and welfare facilities satisfactory.

22 Oct 46.

En route to MILAN I visited CASALE C.A.R., No: 24 Field Hospital of the CREMONA Division and the secondary hospital of 1 Terr. Comd. at NOVARA.

The hygiene, feeding and dining accommodation at CASALE was very satisfactory - except that dining hall tables should be ~~little~~ scrubbed. The small reception hospital at this CAR was unsatisfactory and action will be taken by D.D.M.S. No: 1 Terr. Comd.

24 Field Hospital located at VERCELLI is closed - quarters and equipment satisfactory.

The secondary hospital at NOVARA is situated in an uncompleted Military Hospital building.

Accommodation 200 beds (can expand to 400), III occupied.

This is a well run hospital and the C.O. (Lt-Col. SALVATI) is very energetic. There is an urgent need for an Administrative Officer, and two Medical Officers.

R.E. works urgently required are Protective fencing surrounding the hospital and storerooms, the mortuary also requires complete redecoration.

There is a fuel reserve for two months and a further two months stock should be authorized.

23 Oct 46. MILAN.

No: 3 BLU had no medical points to discuss. I visited the D.D.M.S. (Col. CASTELLI E.) who stated a Hygiene Officer was urgently required for the Comd. also Marescialli and Sergeants were considerably under Establishment in the Comd. actually 32 deficient.

Other Staff deficiencies dealt with in separate report.

The D.D.M.S. accompanied me on a visit to the Principal Hospital and Medical Coy.

This is a well known fact. There is an urgent need for a further

This is a well known fact. There is an urgent need for a further

There is a fuel reserve for two months stock should be authorized.

23 Oct 46. MIT & N.

I vi-

No: 3 BBU had no medical points to discuss.

(Col. CASTELLI E.) who stated a Hygiene Comd. also Marescial-
situated the D.D.M.S. required for the Establishment in the
Officer was urgently considerably under
li and Sergts were deficient.
separate report.

li and Serg's were considered deficient. The corporate report.

Other Staff deficiencies dealt with in separate report to the Prin-

The T. D. M. S. and Medical Coy.

This hospital is situated in a splendid location. This hospital is situated in a splendid location. This hospital is situated in a splendid location.

pharmacy and stores are all equipped.

Shortage of Marescialli and Coy. of the hospital and

capping the running of one of the 100,000 cars turned out well at

The Medical Co. has been proceeding on sound lines.

training are proceeding as accommodation is a difficult one for officers quarters in the

Staff recommended for proposed officers -

is wrong -
is nothing.

the building

British two weeks ago and already everything is working smoothly - the last block was taken over from 36 British C.R.S. during my visit.

A large estimate for R.E. works is awaiting approval which will re-instate the Central Heating system etc; and provide for alterations and extension to Coy Oxs.

Hospital accommodation 600 - 800 (can expand to 1000), 537 occupied.

A well appointed theatre and cinema and canteens cater for the welfare of Staff and patients.

This is a first class well run hospital.

24 Oct 46.

Visited 333 Field Hospital of CREMONA Division at AROHA.

The unit is closed but ready to accept patients if required.

Quarters and equipment satisfactory.

25 Oct 46.

Visited No: 3 Terr. Comd. Secondary Hospital at BRESCIA en route to BOLZANO.

Accommodation 200 (has beds only for expansion to 400)

Occupied 83.

The hospital buildings have been used for refugees and requires redecorating and repairs. Part of the buildings are still used by refugees and though this is probably unavoidable it is unsatisfactory as access to Stores in the part occupied by the Military is causing anxiety with regard to safeguarding supplies and stores, moreover the sanitary condition of the refugees Quarters leaves much to be desired.

Estimated requirements of fuel for winter period is 70 tons, 30 tons only have been approved for delivery in January.

Two M.O.s are required to replace two awaiting release.

A well run hospital under existing conditions. The director (Lt-Col. RIVARI) is hard working and energetic.

Occupied

83.

The hospital buildings have been used for refugees and requires redecorating and repairs. Part of the buildings are still used by refugees and though this is probably unavoidable it is unsatisfactory as access to stores in the part occupied by the Military is causing anxiety with regard to safeguarding supplies and stores, moreover the sanitary condition of the refugees quarters leaves much to be desired.

Estimated requirements of fuel for winter period is 70 tons, 30 tons only have been approved for delivery in January.

Two M.O.s are required to replace two awaiting release.

A well run hospital under existing conditions. The director (Lt-Col. RIFARI) is hard working and energetic.

26 Oct 46.

6430

En route to BOLZANO I visited auxiliary hospital
TRENTO.

Accommodation 150 (expand to 250 - with bedding to 400).

A very pleasant well run hospital put into excellent shape after occupation by Germans. The Director (Lt-Col. MONTONE) is a hard working officer and with two other officers deals with about 70 Medical Boards per week.

X Ray plant in need of repair. Equipment is also required for Dental Surgery.

As this hospital was not included in my programme, the excellent state found in all departments reflects credit on all concerned.

Visited 4 HDU. No medical points raised. Visited D.D.M.S. (Lt-Col. BIANCHINI A.) and introduced by him to G.O.C. Terr. Comd. (Gen. NEGRONI).

Visited secondary hospital POLZANO Director (Lt-Col. PATI).

Accommodation 150 (expended to 200).

The hospital has suffered much war damage but works of reconstruction costing Lire 3,000,000 are under way.

A well run hospital doing good service under present difficulties.

27 Oct 46.

Visited CHEMICAL INSTITUTE, MERANO.

The Institute, moved to MERANO by the Germans, has nearly completed its move back to FLORENCE - about 80 Railway wagon loads remain to be despatched and this should now be completed. Slight delays were caused by claims of ARAR on some of the stores and the retention of soap making materials by the local factory. These matters are receiving attention and will soon be settled. The move should be completed by early Nov.

The G.O. (Lt-Col. SCOTTI) has done excellent and hard work in sorting out, completing field equipment and taking inventories of a great mass of returned stores of all descriptions. A very capable officer.

27 Oct. 46. MERANO.

In the afternoon I visited at the request of the G.O.C. Terr. Comd. a Red Cross Hospital at MERANO which is receiving Ex-POW T.B. cases.

This hospital is situated in a high part of the town in pleasant surroundings and is in a requisitioned hotel.

Accommodation is good and ample in large airy rooms. Three of the voluntary female Nursing Staff who have contracted T.B. were under treatment in the hospital.

0896
Declassified E.O. 12055 Section 3-401/8400 NO. 785020

27 Oct. 46. M E R A N O.

claims of making materials by the local factory. of soap making materials by the local factory. matters are receiving attention and will soon be settled. The move should be completed by early Nov.

The C.O. (Lt-Col. SCOTT) has done excellent and hard work in sorting out, completing field equipment and taking inventories of a great mass of returned stores of all descriptions. A very capable officer.

In the afternoon I visited at the request of the C.O.C. Terr. Comd. a Red Cross Hospital at MERANO which is receiving Ex-POW T.B. cases.

This hospital is situated in a high part of the town in pleasant surroundings and is in a requisitioned hotel.

Accommodation is good and ample in large airy rooms. Three of the voluntary female Nursing Staff who have contracted T.B. were under treatment in the hospital and appeared to be progressing satisfactorily.

Treatment appeared to be very satisfactory and cases requiring operative treatment were under the care of a visiting specialist.

The Physician in charge is energetic and has the hospital well organised.

I gained the impression that although this institution was, under the circumstances quite satisfactory, it would be more beneficial if patients were treated in a properly appointed sanatorium, which I understand will soon be the case.

28 Oct 46.

- 6 -

Visited No:82 Field Hospital of the FRIULI Division at MALCESINE en route to VERONA.

This unit is closed - quarters and equipment satisfactory.

As an experiment this unit is running as a small convalescent unit for men of the Terr. Comd.

This scheme was initiated by the D.D.M.S. Terr. Comd. and is to be commended, providing as it does for short periods of convalescence required by men who cannot afford to take leave or whose homes are outside Italy.

29 Oct 46. VERONA.

Visited principal hospital No: 4 Terr. Comd. accompanied by D.D.M.S.

Accommodation 600 (expended to 1000)

Occupied 310

The Military Hospital buildings have been severely bombed and only the administration block, officers wards and Medical Coy Ors are habitable. General wards and specialist departments are situated in the old nearby civil hospital.

Under difficult conditions this Principal Hospital is well organised under an efficient Director (Lt-Col. BERTRON) and Administration Officer (Major RICCI). I understand a large estimate for reconstruction and repairs has received sanction.

The Medical Coy turned out well and the discipline and technical training is excellent. The Director expressed a wish to retain permanently the services of the present infantry Officer in command of the Coy.

Everything possible is done at this hospital for patients and Medical Company's welfare but I recommend welfare department of the Ministry to give assistance in restoring destroyed theatre and cinema.

A month's supply of fuel is on hand and demands for future supplies have been submitted.

A good hospital and medical Coy working well under difficult conditions.

30 Oct 46. FLORENCE.

hospital.

Under difficult conditions this Principal Hospital is well organized under an efficient Director (Lt-Col. BERTO-NE) and Administration Officer (Major RICCI). I understand a large estimate for reconstruction and repairs has received sanction.

The Medical Coy turned out well and the discipline and technical training is excellent. The Director expressed a wish to retain permanently the services of the present infantry Officer in command of the Coy.

Everything possible is done at this hospital for patients and Medical Company's welfare but I recommend welfare department of the Ministry to give assistance in restoring destroyed theatre and cinema.

A month's supply of fuel is on hand and demands for future supplies have been submitted.

A good hospital and medical Coy working well under difficult conditions.

30 Oct 46. FLORENCE.

Visited CHEMICAL INSTITUTE where about 70 tons of stores and equipment from overseas had been received during Oct. I understand that no more of this type of medical stores are required by the Institute, but I have no knowledge of the authority directing these stores to FLORENCE. Enquiries will be made.

I was informed that ENDIMEA had agreed to hand back to the Institute 5 blocks of buildings that had been used by them - one has already been taken over. The decision to hand back these buildings will greatly help the production side of the Institute.

General Remarks.

- 7 -

I have reduced itemised reports on the units as much as possible, but I wish to say that in all hospitals the hygiene, feeding, comfort and treatment of patients was of a very high order. Everywhere very devoted service is rendered by Nuns who control almost all the domestic life of the hospitals.

I found everywhere a desire to maintain and improve welfare facilities of patients and medical Coys. At some of the smaller hospitals it is almost impossible to do much in this direction. For various reasons occupational therapy is not possible. It is recommended however that the welfare Department of the War Ministry continue to give advice and assistance so much as possible to all classes of hospitals in the Commands.

Hospital diets, and their preparation and cooking, is in all hospitals excellent.

In no instance was shortage of medical supplies reported, in fact, good reserves are held.

MAB/WT

W. A. Butler

Major,
D.A.D.N.S., M.B.A.

0900

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/WHDC NO.

785020

W. A. D. D. S.
Major,
D. A. D. S., MIA.

6427

MAB/WF

Subject: Notes on Visit to Territorial Commands.

Land Forces Sub Commission,
A.C. M.M.I.A. ROME.
Reference: M/33/1
8 October 1946.

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare.

I forward~~ed~~ herewith notes of my recent visit to Nos. 5, 6,
7 and 10 Territorial Commands.

APMS

Good. Let me know reaction
of War Ministry to the
major points needing
their attention

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

Shoke Col
Pidobler
MAB 16/10

6426

Sat. 21st Sep.

Visited 7 MU who had no comments to make regarding medical installations.

Visited office of Italian DMS (DMS on leave) interviewed Hygiene Officer, who spoke of the incidence of V.D. and stated he was in favour of the issue of some form personal chemical prophylactic to troops (he favoured the American type). The monthly average is:- 9 Cases of Syphilis + 40 Gonorrhoea amongst a strength of 16,000 - 20,000. There is close liaison between the medical service (both civilian and military) and local police in the prevention of clandestine prostitution. I have no other comments regarding health of troops.

I visited the Italian Military Hospital the O.C. of which was acting DMS he accompanied me on the inspection of the Hospital.

The Hospital was clean and efficiently run in all departments considering the building is an old structure.

A shortage of the following was reported:-

Penicillin,

Insulin,

X Ray Films (large size).

The medical company is trained at IMCCA

Hospital and will be inspected at my next visit.

I visited the Military Chemical Pharmaceutical Institute. This Institute, which produces all medical material for the Italian Army is working well and is re-installing the pre-war machinery which was removed to Merano by the Germans. Their work is, however, considerably retarded by the continued occupation by ENEMY of five of the blocks of buildings. It is essential that these buildings should be returned at once to the Institute in view of the fact that they are specially constructed for certain types of machinery and alternative accommodation cannot be used.

Captain Stephens RMC is responsible for the receipt of captured medical stores 18/4/25. Medical stores where they are checked, prices agreed and then handed over to the Institute.

X Ray Films (large) is trained at Bucharest.
The medical company is inspected at my next visit.
Hospital and will be inspected at my next visit.

I visited the Military Chemical Pharmaceutical Institute. This Institute, which produces all medical material for the Italian Army is working well and is re-installing the pre-war machinery which was removed to Merano by the Germans. Their work is, however, considerably retarded by the continued occupation by ENEMY of five of the blocks of buildings. It is essential that these buildings should be returned at once to the Institute in view of the fact that they are specially constructed for certain types of machinery and alternative accommodation cannot be used.

Captain Stephens RMC is responsible for the receipt of captured medical stores ~~18425~~ and sources where they are checked, prices agreed and then handed over to the Institute.

Mon. 23rd Sep.

I visited 5 MU. The GSO 1 (Lt. Col. BATHEN) showed great interest and understanding of medical problems and was most helpful. As he had just recently visited the Hospital I was accompanied by the GSO 11 on my visit.

The Hospital is at present situated in the old civilian hospital buildings which have been

0904

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/KMUC NO. 785020

bombed. Work is, however, carried out efficiently by all specialist departments and the situation is satisfactory pending the move back to the Military Hospital buildings now occupied by the British (No. 8 CCS). Hygiene was much improved since last visit.

Staff.

There are still deficiencies in specialists:- Hygiene, Surgical; Ear, Nose and Throat, Eyes and Dental.

I inspected the recruits under training and though I consider the material poor, training appears to be proceeding on good lines and I obtained a copy of the training programme.

I visited SAGILE CAR without pre-arrangement and found all medical arrangements generally satisfactory. The medical officer was superintending orderlies at evening dressings etc.

The general physique of the recruits was good and there was no undue sickness. The medical officer expressed a wish to have some dental forceps issued to enable him to do obvious necessary extractions and thus prevent long journeys to Udine for this purpose with consequent loss of training time. I recommend this. I also recommend the issue of an auriscope. Cleanliness of barrack rooms and general hygiene good. An ambulance should be permanently stationed at this CAR.

24th Sep. 45

Visited PADUA Hospital.

This Hospital has been damaged by bombing but is working well. The wards are large and airy and were well run. In view of the number of patients taken in for observation - recruits and ex-POWs - the authorized hospital accommodation should be increased from 200 to 500. All equipment necessary for this increase is on hand. Paint is required for hospital beds. TB cases should be transferred as soon as possible to sanatoriums.

In the afternoon I visited No. 6 RLU BOLOGNA. They had no comments to make on medical arrangements.

24th Sep. 46

this purpose with consequent loss of training. I recommend this. I also recommend the issue of an auriscope. Cleanliness of barrack rooms and general hygiene good. An Ambulance should be permanently stationed at this GAR.

Visited PADUA Hospital.

This Hospital has been damaged by bombing but is working well. The wards are large and airy and were well run. In view of the number of patients taken in for observation - recruits and ex-POWs - the authorized hospital accommodation should be increased from 200 to 500. All equipment necessary for this increase is on hand. Paint is required for hospital beds. IT cases should be transferred as soon as possible to sanatoriums.

In the afternoon I visited No. 6 HLU BOLOGNA. - They had no comments to make on medical arrangements.

The OC Central Hospital was acting DMS. The Hospital situation here remains the same. The main Hospital requires considerable repair and should receive priority to enable the two schools now used for overflow to be handed back to the civilian authorities. The retention of these schools for military purposes is causing considerable dissatisfaction to the educational authority.

There is no shortage of medical supplies.

21st Sep. 46

On my return through Florence I visited the Military Medical School - where specialist training of Medical and Dental Officers is carried out - the School has all modern facilities but owing to present student accommodation being utilized for other purposes classes on any large scale cannot be arranged.

30th Sep. 46

Visited 10 BMD and BMS Territorial Command.
The chief concern of the BMS is the present repairs to the Italian Military Hospital since vacation by U.S. Forces. These repairs are proceeding too slowly. It is an urgent necessity that these works be completed as early as possible to allow the present hospital situated in a girls school to be moved back and the school handed over. The Medical Company is also occupying a school which could be handed back on completion of the Military Hospital buildings.

To enable a Central Medical Depot to be re-established for the supply of Southern Italy the BMS requests the return of the store buildings at VARDALONE at present occupied by the British. (Known as WELLINGTON BARRACKS).

Shortage of the following drugs were reported:-

SULPHONILAMIDES
ANESTHETICS (For VD treatment.)
LIQUID PARAFIN
CASTOR OIL
LIVER EXTRACTS.

1st Oct. 46

Visited the Italian Military Hospital NAPLES accompanied by BMS.

The Hospital, as stated, is situated in a girls school and although such buildings are generally unsuitable for modern hospital accommodation, excellent use has been made of this school and provision has been made for specialist departments which were working satisfactorily. The laundry entirely manual worked was cramped but working well. Ward accommodation is

established for the supply of Southern Italy the DPM requests the return of the store buildings at WADDALONI at present occupied by the British. (Known as WELLINGTON BARRACKS).

Shortage of the following drugs were reported:-

SOLITHIOLAMIDE
ARSENICALS (For VD treatment.)
LIQUID PARAFFIN
CASTOR OIL
LIVER EXTRACTS.

1st Oct. 45

Visited the Italian Military Hospital NAPLES accompanied by DPM.

The Hospital, as stated, is situated in a girls school and although such buildings are generally unsuitable for modern hospital accommodation, excellent use has been made of this school and provision has been made for specialist departments which were working satisfactorily. The laundry entirely manual worked was cramped but working well. Ward accommodation is limited and some wards are overcrowded but chest cases accommodated on the top floor were in large airy and pleasant rooms.

I visited the Medical Company situated in another school much too far away from the Hospital. The recruits were of a good class though of trades mostly unsuitable for medical training. The DPM has decided that training shall take place at this Central H.Q. and not spread out over other hospitals and detachments. This is an excellent idea and will ensure uniform training and enable the best use to be made of specialist instructors.

The barrack accommodation was clean, beds and kits in good shape and hygiene satisfactory.

I visited the Military Hospital buildings under repair - this is a very good building, and will, when ready, centralize the whole of the hospital accommodation required for patients, Company and administration; but as stated, repair work is proceeding too slowly.

0000

Declassified E.O. 12055 Section 3-402/NRDC NO.

785020

6422

0910