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85	Ltr 952.02 Hamblen	6 Aug 46	CC	Request fr info re vaccination & inoculation - Civilian Authorities
86	Cbl 4502 Lush	8 Aug 46	AFHQ DMS, G-5	Epidemic near Genca
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73	Cbl C 28103 AFHQ	5 Mar 46	Alcom Rome	Water Sterilisation
74	Ltr Sampson	9 Mar 46	HQ ALCOM	Control of Venereal Desease
75	Cbl 1726 Stone	9 Mar 46	Lee	Control of Veneral Disease
76	Cbl 1752 HQ ALCOM	11 Mar 46	HQ 24 Area	Typhoid Outbreak School Barletta
77	Ltr Stone	15 Mar 46	De Gasperi	Distribution of Medical Supplies
78	Cbl FX62957	16 Mar 46	ALCOM	Dissemination to Commands FX61971
79	Ltr ES/18.03 Walt.	16 Apr 46	Acting CC	Distribution of Medical Supplies
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80	Ltr 67161/13073	3 May 46	CC	Distribution of Medical Supplies
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82	Cbl C46637 AFHQ G-5	3 Jun 46	UNRRA Rome	Request fr penicillin fr civil hospitals in Trieste

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64	Ltr 9006/209/EC McLeary	7 Jan 46	Min For Affs	Istituto Chimico Farmaceutico Militare
64a	Ltr FX 58668 SACMED	15 Jan 46	ALCOM Rome	Civilian food situation Foggia Area
65	Cbl 439 HQ ALCOM	21 Jan 46	AFHQ G-5	Chemicals for water supply Florence
66	Cbl C15909 AFHQ GHQ	22 Jan 46	ALCOM	Sterlization of Florence water
67	Cbl 463 HQ ALCOM	22 Janm46	AFHQ SACMED	Civilian Ration Situation in Foggia
68	Cbl C16515 AFHQ G-5	24 Jan 46	CO 2D Bmb Grp	Civilian food situation Foggia area
69	Cbl KA/2/MED S 574 CMF	31 Jan 46	Med Stores Bol.	Diththeria Toxoid for children
70	Cbl 6576/ ALCOM Lia Lom	3 Feb 46	HQ ALCOM	Chlorydrine for pharmaceuticals
71	Cbl 6564/4 ALCOM Lia Lom	5 Feb 46	ALCOM Rome	Suger for pharmaceutical industry
71a	Cbl 1037 ACILY HQ ALCOM	9 Feb 46	ALCOM LO LOMB	Chlorohydrine for Pharmaceuticals
72	Cbl ES/37 AMG 13 Corps	16 Feb 46	AFHQ G-5	Medical Supplies for Ven Giu

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49	Ltr, Stone	14 Jul 45	Keeney, UNRRA	Civil hospital for Anzio-Nettuno area.
50	CC 3401, Stone	25 Jul 45	Barberini	Civil hospital for Anzio-Nettuno area
51	3006/E/PH, Stone	30 Jul 45	Rockefeller Foundation	Commendation of members of Rockefeller Foundation atchd PHS/C.
52	Enrico Barberini	20 Aug 45	Stone	Assn Rehabilitation & Development of Anzio & Nettuno Bulletin.
52a	Enrico Barberini	20 Aug 45	Stone	Railroad comms Rome-Anzio & Nettuno.
53	Stone Ltr	21 Aug 45	Barberini	Bulletin of Assn Rehab Development of Anzio & Nettuno.
54	Ltr, Stone	23 Aug 45	Parri	ENDIMEA falling down on distr med supplies.
55	Ltr, Rockeffeller Found.	23 Aug 45	Stone	Commendation of members of Rockefeller Foundation atchd PHS/C.
56	AC/100/265/Tn.4., McK. 9/6/	24 Aug 45	Barberini	Rehabilitation and development of Anzio and Nettuno.
57	5/10/ES, Stone	5 Sep 45	Barberini	Rehabilitation and development of Anzio and Nettuno.
58	3406/58/EC, Lush	6 Sep 45	CAS	Distr of med supplies by ENDIMEA.
59	Stefano Cavazzoni	25 Sep 45		Fight against unlawful use of narcotics.
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38	Ltr Lush 3072/43/PH	10 Dec 44	AFHQ G-5	T/O, Central Civ Medical Depot.
39	Memo Lush 3402/25	11 Dec 44	CC	Infant Mortality in Rome:Oct-Nov
40	Ltr Stone	21 Dec 44	Whaley-Eaton For. Service	Infant Mortality in Italy.
41	Ltr Quayle CC-806	10 Jan 45	Brig Parkinson	Report on Med Supply Sitn in Lib.Italy(for Advisory Council).
42	Ltr Lucifero	11 Jan 45	Stone	Penicillin needed to save life of Dr. Stoppolini, Auerelio.
43	Ltr Stone AC/3072/9/PH	18 Jan 45	Lucifero	Penicillin needed to save life of Dr. Stoppolini Aurelio.
44	Ltr Lucifero 0534	22 Jan 45	Stone	Penicillin for Dr. Stoppollini.
45	Cbl AC 540	25 Jan 45	AMG 5 Army	Failure of ENDIMEA distributemed supplies in Toscana Region.
46	AC/3072/2/PH Stone	14 Feb 45	Bonomi	IG must ensure better,rapid distribution of medical supplies or Allies will stop importing.
47	/3069/6/PH, Stone	9 Apr 45	Ambassador Kirk	Conditions at Mental Hospital, Palermo, Sicily.

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28	IS Lehman No. 2	14 Aug 44	UNRRA for Keeny	Paraphrase cable re responsibility UNRRA for supplies, health & displaced persons Italy
29	Memo Parkinson	22 Aug 44	VP Admin Sec (Passed to A/CC)	Rpt on distribution of medical supplies requested by A/CC. INCL.
30	Ltr ES/31 O'Dwyer	27 Aug 44	A/CC	Increase of bread rations and transport. Will help against ravages of underfeeding.
31	ACC/3040/PH	30 Aug 44	Dist List	Establishment of Typhus Control Unit; Branch discontinued.
32	Cbl ACC Stone S333	17 Sep 44	AFHQ	Ref infants less than 1 year of age & relates to Rome
33	Cbl ACC Stone S334	18 Sep 44	AFHQ	Infant mortality figures for August
34	Ltr Capt Stone A/CC 720	28 Sep 44	AFHQ G-5 Col Lewin-Harris	Newspaper article giving certain medical statistics for Rome
35	Memo Pub Health SC	1 Oct 44		Control of malaria 1 Jan 30 Sep
36	Ltr Stone, ACC/3072/PH	14 Oct 44	G-5 SEC, AFHQ	Directive for establishment of Central Civilian Medical Depot.

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13	Sawyer WAR 16585 Cable	31 Mar 44	Fred Soper ACC	Avoid conflicting commitments. Be prepared go Egypt for Gambiae control.
14	Cbl Fatima 2987 Doe	6 Apr 44	Freedom	1) Msg for Sawyer in MYC: Soper feels work in Italy more important 2) Request authorization for Soper to proceed Wash. for talks. Remarks desired.
15	Route Sheet DSG	16 Apr 44	Col. Cripps	2 ENCLOSURES: a) Draft of letter to Main Hq (FJS) requesting Gen. Order on Est of Malarial Control Branch. Canc. b) Memo ACC/3005/1/PH 15 Apr to DCC, fr Stenegate, fwdg incl for signtre. Inclosure: proposed draft for Exec. Memo. on subj. of (a).
16	Cbl Fatima Rear 2652	21 Apr 44	USFAIME for FCX	No objection visit please contact Parkinson on arrival
17	HQ ACC Exec Memo No. 54 231/35/CA	25 Apr 44	See Dist	Malaria Control establishment Malaria Control Branch
18	Ltr MacFarlane 226/53/CA	26 Apr 44	Mil Govt Sec AFHQ	Medical Stores and Distribution in Sardinia
19	Cbl SC 3992	29 Apr 44	Freedom	Medical Director request personnel supply & equipment assistance typhus control among civilians
20	HQ ACC Exec Memo No. 55	1 May 44	All Concerned See Dist	Control of Rabies supersedes Exec Memo No. 3 7 Feb
21	Cbl FATIMA 4357 Sec Gen Maj Doe	5 May 44	AFHQ	Med Dir reports typhus in East Bosnia requests immediate assistance
22	Admin Sect ACC/3090/PH	5 May 44	Chief Comm	Small Pox --- Naples & Taranto report position & steps taken case.
23	Cbl ACC Rear 2730	9 May 44	AFHQ	Ref 35091 20 Apr re smallpox in Bari & Taranto disembark Brindisi
24	Ltr Parkinson ACC/3008/PH	4 Aug 44	All Concerned	Veterinary Branch Public Health Sub-Commission ACC
25	Memo Stone	9 Aug 44	Col Upjohn	Would appreciate suggestions matter Medical Supplies

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1	Ltr 42/DCAO AFHQ Adv Adm Sec Gen Robertson	26 Jan 44	Gen MacFarlane	Intention to withdrew U.S. Typhus Commission from Naples. AMG not in a position to take it over. Requests to London & Washington for MO's urged.
2	Ltr DI/P/29 MacFarlane	31 Jan 44	Gen Robertson	Ref 42/DCAO of 26 Jan: have requested MO's as desired.
3	Cbl Fargo 667 MacFarlane	1 Feb 44	AFHQ MGS	Need more personnel for typhus work in Naples in view of withdrawal of Commission from U.S.
4	Cbl Fargo 814 MacFarlane	7 Feb 44	Freedom	Further on personnel for typhus work, ref Fargo 667.
5.	WAR DEPT CIRCULAR AG 381	14 Feb 44	CG's	Emergency measures against Biological Warfare.
6	Cbl Fargo 988	15 Feb 44	DISTWO	VD conference at Foggia 17 Feb
7	Cbl Fargo 1146 Collins	21 Feb 44	AFHQ MGS	Ref Fargo 814: Citrap typhus control now satisf. No need for further officers.
8	Cbl Freedom 54926	22 Feb 44	Fargo	Ref Fargo 1146: Noted. Essential Parkinson come here.
9	Ltr Captain Stone	2 Mar 44	Count Di Frasso	Insulin to Bari.
10	Ltr 234/14/CA Brig Lush	8 Mar 44	VD Adm Section	Please urge Ital Gov't to adopt strongest measures against VD ENCLOSURES: A) Ltr Brig Lush 234/12/CA of 8 Mar to CAO AMF, reply to your ACMF/3073/AO. Weakness of present efforts lies in Italian Law. A-1) Ltr ACMF/3073/AO to Exec Comm. ACC. Possible to make Ital. Laws more stringent? B) Ltr 234/13/CA Brig Lush to Regional Commissioners giving instructions for tightening control of VD regulations.
11	Ltr ACC/3040/PH CC 720 FNMM	24 Mar 44	Dr Fred L. Soper	Will you please try to obtain OK from Rockafeller Found. to sme research work on typhus.
12	Cbl Fatima 2841 Doe	31 Mar 44	Freedom	Request for permission to do typhus research work, fwdd herew'h. APPENDIX: A) Ltr 27 Mar 44, fr Soper, in reply to Gen. MacFarlane's request. Incl: proposed cable.

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MEETING OF ALL PROVINCIAL DOCTORS CMA HOSPITAL ITALY CMA WILL BE HELD AT ROME ON TWO DECEMBER ONE NINE FOUR SIX CMA UNDER AUSPICES OF HIGH COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO DISCUSS CONTAGIOUS DISEASES AND AGREE ON MEASURES TO BE ADOPTED TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE ACTION OF PREVENTION AND CURE FD

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED ATTENDANCE OF DOCTORS ROSSANO GIORGIO OF GORIZIA AND GRAZIANI-VALENTINO OF TRIESTE FD IF YOU HAVE NO OBJECTION PLEASE TAKE ACTION ACCORDINGLY AND INFORM THIS HEADQUARTERS OF DECISION TAKEN

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MAJOR AGD
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Allied Force Headquarters

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: Disposal of CEM (Pharmaceutical Plants and Stocks) at MERANO.

AFHQ/5076/Q(AE)

22 Nov 45

Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission to Italy

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/s/ A.C. DUFF, Major General,
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AFHQ/5075/Q(AE)

Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission to Italy

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C O P Y

20 November 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I have received and read with interest your letter of 12 November, 1945, and the accompanying statement of Andria Vetrone and Giovanni Perillo relating to the incident at Caiazzo Commune.

This incident had heretofore, under date of 8 November, 1945, been reported to the officers of Public Safety of Allied Commission who took immediate steps to investigate the connection of the American officer with the affair.

You may rest assured that appropriate action will be taken by the American Military authorities.

Very Truly yours,

/s/ ELLERY W. STONE,
Rear Admiral USNR
Chief Commissioner

Prof. Ferruccio PARRI
President of the Council of Ministers
Rome.

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Early this morning, at 0243 hours, two bombs have exploded in the building of the British Embassy at Porta Pia causing serious damages. There are no casualties and a primary investigation directed, on the spot, by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Pietro Nenni, the Chief of Police, the Questore of Rome, and the Functionaries of the Political Research Police, has ascertained that two suitcases containing explosives, probably time-bombs, had been placed on the external steps of the front door of the Embassy with a sign bearing the words: "Atensione Miny" with a red cloth such as are ordinarily used by trucks transporting explosives.

Identical signs had been placed on both sides of the Building towards Porta Pia and Via Bezzecca.

The first warning before the explosion was given by a passer-by to an Embassy driver. The latter, in his turn, informed the Carabinieri on duty, who, after having seen the two suitcases and the handwritten signs, went to give warning, and at that very moment the explosion occurred.

A wounded man in a condition of nervous shock was found a few steps away from the place of the explosion.

Minister Nenni has expressed to the British Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Ward, the regrets of the Italian Government.

The investigation proceeds.

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17 November 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Colonel Chapman
Public Safety Subcommission

1. The Chief Commissioner requests that you immediately investigate from the AC standpoint the matter referred to in Signor Parri's letter attached.

2. Since Captain Kastl is neither assigned nor attached to the Commission, copies of this letter should be referred to the Inspector General, MTOUSA, for appropriate action.

3. Will you kindly draft as soon as possible an appropriate reply to the Prime Minister for the CC's signature?

L. W. STEARNS
Lt Col, AGD
Staff Officer to CC

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Ltr fr Parri, ref
45351, 12 Nov 45 &
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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers
Minister of the Interior

45351 Rome, 12 November 1945

My dear Admiral,

On the 1st inst., the seats of the socialist and communist party of the Caiazzo Commune were broken in and looted by a group of demonstrants.

From the investigations which were made, it appears, according to the statement of the people who are materially responsible for the offence, VETRONE Andrea and PERILLO Giovanni, that this action has been facilitated by Capt. F.S. KASTL, of the American Police, residing in S. Maria Capua Vetere.

According to what the above mentioned persons stated, it seems that Capt. KASTL, after agreeing with Vetrone about the action which, in fact, took place on the evening of October 31st, and in the company of two soldiers, handed over to Vetrone 2, rifles, one submachine-gun, handbombs, and 4, machine guns.

Immediately after the action, such weapons were all returned except for one U.S. Rifle, M. 1933418, sequestered by the carabineers on the spot.

I issued orders for legal action to be taken against the Italians, who were materially responsible for the looting.

For what concerns Capt. F.S. KASTL, I deemed it advisable to draw your attention on the above mentioned facts, for whatever action you may deem it fit to take.

I enclose a copy of the above mentioned Vetrone and Perillo.

Very truly yours,

S. Ferruccio Parri

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission
Rome

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Translation

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Statement

The undersigned, VETRONE Andrea, of Ferdinando and Marocci Teresa, born on 11/10/1921 at Amorosi and residing in Caiazzo, farmer, and PERILLO Giovanni, of Giuseppe and Perrone Maria, born on 12/10/1922 in Caiazzo and residing there, farmer, state what follows:

Last August, I VETRONE, speaking with a Captain of the American Police, attached to the Pagiaeneria of Piana di Caiazzo, who s oke Italian, complained about my sufferings during twenty years of fascism, and while I was deported by the Germans (I was a prisoner from September 8th. till October 15th 1943), and also about what we Italians would have to suffer, for communism was getting a strong foothold in Italy, and if this went on, we would have the Russian regime established at home. The Captain answered me that if I proved capable of organizing a squad to pull down and destroy the communist section of Caiazzo, he would in good time let me have weapons to arm the people I had organized.

After he had thus pledged himself, I enlisted one by one fifty seven people including twelve repatriated prisoners, who said they were willing to follow me, when the time came, to carry out the punishing expedition against the local communist cell, after receiving the approval of the American Captain and being given weapons by him.

Last Sunday, on October 28th, I went to see the American Captain in S. Maria C.V. and told him I had 57 men in readiness. The Captain told me it would be a good thing to enlist more of them. I went back to Caiazzo and enlisted more men, so that they finally amounted to 240. In the afternoon of October 31st, I again went to S.Maria C.V.and reported to the Captain the number of the men I had enlisted and who were willing to carry out what had been decided. The Captain promised me that in the evening or on the next morning he would bring the weapons to Caiazzo. In fact, at about 21.30 hours, the American Captain came personally, with two soldiers, to my house in Santa Lucia and gave me 24 rifles, twelve of which were machine rifles, one 'mitra' various handbombs and four machine guns.

Early in the morning of November the 1st, helped by Perillo Giovanni, I collected on the Pontiere road all the people I had enlisted and distributed the weapons to them, after giving them the necessary instructions; we reached the said village at about 11, and I proceeded to the seat of the communist party with about 11 men, after occupying the opening of the various streets and roads giving access to the village. In the communist seat, we found S. Giovanni Paolo, the porter Mancini Stefano and one 'Il figlio do Petenaro'. Myself, Perillo and one Friello Andrea, of Salvatore, were the first to enter the premises. I asked Sangiovanni for his membership card of the communist party, which he at once produced.

After that, I threw him out of the premises, and didn't see whether anyone of my companions beat him. After that, some others among my companions, who were about twenty, threw down in the street what little furniture and papers there were in the premises and set fire to them. In the confusion, a few shots

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were fired, however, I couldn't make out who had fired them.

Going back, and passing in front of the seat of the socialist party, we noticed a board bearing the sickle and hammer emblem, and thinking the premises belonged to the communist party, I fired two shots to break the door open, and taking what furniture there was, we burnt them in the street.

Yesterday evening, I collected all the weapons and gave them back to the American Captain who came on purpose; the only weapon missing was a rifle sequestered by the carabineers.

I, PETRILLO, confirms the statement made by VETRONE Andrea, but for what concerns the meetings he had with the American Captain.

We sign the above mentioned statement.

Caiazzo, 2 November 1945

s. Vetrone Andrea

Petrillo Giovanni

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TRANSLATION

TWO BOMBS AGAINST THE BRITISH EMBASSY.

The explosion which occurred at 0235 hours this morning caused the front of the building to collapse. One man seriously wounded. Sign of warning. Statement of the Carabinieri who was on duty.

This morning at 0235 hours a violent explosion occurred in Via XX Settembre, before the main entrance to the British Embassy. The explosion was heard in the farthermost points of the city, and caused much alarm to the population, especially in the Macao quarter, and to the Public Guarantees who arrived on the spot a few minutes later. A striking scene met the eye. Through a thick mist which the rain was unable to clear, the front of the British Embassy in Via XX Settembre had almost entirely collapsed, while the first floor of the building had collapsed entirely, and the building opposite was seriously damaged.

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From the statements made by the Carabiniere who was on duty at the Embassy, Domnico Fioraventi belonging to the police station of Via XX September, two suitcases which were tied together had been placed on the ground in front of the main entrance. This he saw with his own eyes.

The Carabiniere run to get help. Almost immediately the Ambassador's car arrived. It was around 0230 hours. The Carabiniere informed a certain 'Mack' of what he had seen. The latter rushed to the spot to take the two suit-cases away, but was stopped in time by the Carabiniere and other two men belonging to the Embassy who were with him.

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Another sign with the words in red: - "Bewar-Mines", has been found near Porta Pia, in one of the branching streets leading to the Piazza.

The damages are considerable in Via Palestro where all the buildings from No. 1 to No. 5 have been damaged, while in Via XX Settembre, No. 86 has its main entrance almost collapsed, and the whole building is seriously damaged.

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AFHQ FROM G 5
ALCOM ROME, INFO: AMG 13 CORPS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION

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Subject is antimalarial supplies for AMG 13 Corps.

1. Reported to this HQ Tahlat 122781 gallons antimosquito spray still awaiting collection by AMG Ex 92 did.
2. In view paragraph 4 of letter AFHQ/ G vie/VG/1007/ES of 23 August 46, not to AMG, can not understand why clearance from 92 did by AMG not yet completed.
3. Please expedite and report xomiletion to this HQ.

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Ref. : 3631/98/EO

27 August 1946.

SUBJECT: Report on Mestre disorders.

TO : G-5 Section,
AFHQ.

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FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

/s/ A.W.Knisely
for

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner

Encl. : as above.

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Liaison Officer
86 Area, CMF.

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H.Q. Allied Commission
Executive Commissioner Office
(Attn: Brigadier Lush)

26 August 46

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Liaison Officer,
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5 : 952.02 6 Aug.46

SUBJECT : Vaccination & Inoculation -
Civilian Authorities.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 794.

Further to this HQ letter G-5:952.02 of 27 June, The War Office desires to know whether persons entering Italy unprotected by vaccination and/or inoculation are quarantined or merely undergo surveillance.

In your reply please specify for which disease prior vaccination or inoculation is insisted upon and indicating whether quarantine or surveillance is required and the period of such quarantine or surveillance.

Will you please address your reply AFHQ (for DMS) and mark a copy (for G-5).

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A. L. HAMBLEN
Colonel GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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1. Reported mysterious disease near Genoa feared may be typhus-1000 cases-10 dead. Population stated to be fleeing to Genoa where disease may spread. Local officials reported unable contact UNRRA and ministry of Health of above fears and requirements and inform this Headquarters of steps being taken by them. If UNRRA has not sufficient stocks DDT readily available can supply from Military stocks subject replacement.

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/S/ DE GASPERI

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Admiral Hilery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 940.21

3 July 1946

SUBJECT: Security - Venice Area

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission,
(Attn: Chief Commissioner),
APO 794.

Reference G-5: 940.21, 2 June and hastener 22 June 1946.

In view of the views expressed by the Commander XIII Corps in paragraph 1, a/n letter, an early report of your discussion with the Prime Minister is requested.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

L. HAMBLEN
Colonel, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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AMG 13 CORPS ECONOMIC SECTION SUPPLY DIVISION
AFHQ G5 INFO ALCOM ROME ECONOMIC SECTION ATTN LT.ARENSBERG

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Ref W O signal 26449 dated 3 June and your reply signal 47023 dated 5 June 1946 subject insulin for Venezia Giulia.
Para 1.To date no insulin has arrived.Civil hospital stocks exhausted. Have managed to borrow sufficient supplies from american military hospitals to last for 5 days.Request urgent action be taken to expedite insulin from London.
Para 2.New subject.Penicillin.Request information as to present position or action on our request,reference our signal 18/10 of 31 May and 37F/70 of 4 June.

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UNRRA ROME .INFO: ALCOM ROME 13 CORPS FOR AMG

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1. This HQ as received urgent request from AMG 13 Corps for 200000000 units penicillin for use in civil hospitals in Trieste.

2. The request is being made known to combined chiefs os staff , but meanwhile this HQ will be grateful for any temporary assistance you may be able to furnish, since Low Military theatre stocks preclude any issue being made from the source.

3. Air transport to Udine airport for HQ AMG 13 CORPS Public Health Department is requested.

4. Request advice of any action you can take.

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My dear Mr. Keeny :

Thank you for your letter of 15 May regarding the non-distribution, by the Italian Government, of certain commodities which were imported into Italy under the military and FEA program.

Since the meeting of 3 May, there has been action in several areas which promises favourable results. A new program to accomplish the distribution of medical supplies and to provide financing has been set up within the Italian Government. Your Headquarters has been informed by Col. Frizelle on this program. To further stimulate the movement of clothing, prices have been readjusted downward. With respect to tractprs, meetings have been held in the Allied Commission with the representatives of certain Ministries. Italian Goverment has authoritatively established prices for the tractors and has promised to come forward with a complete distribution scheme, including a closer definition of ministerial responsibility.

Having already addressed to the Prime Minister on this subject, and having received a reply from him, and because of the activity in the several fields, I do not favour ither a seperate AC or a joint AC/UNRRA letter at the moment. However, if it ecomes apparent that there will be no effective distribution, and if you still so desire, I shall be glad to consider the matter further.

It was not practicable to call a meeting on 16 May, as suggested by you. In view of the uniderstandings had

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between the Public Health Sub-Commission, your Staff and the Italian Government Agencies, there is some doubt as to the value of an additional meeting on the distribution of me - dical supplies.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

MR. S.H. Keeny
Chief of Mission - UNRRA
Rome.

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TRANSLATION

THE MINISTER OF NAVY

Rome, 13 May 1946.

I have been informed that on the 9th instant, during an Allied military ceremony at Venice, deplorable manifestations made by a group of people in which also sailors of the R. Navy were included, took place stop. I know that the Flag Officer in Charge has already presented to Admiral Minahan his apologies for the part taken in the incident by the personnel under his command - stop. I wish to express to you my deep regret for the unpleasant incident which does not correspond to the feelings of the Royal Navy personnel towards the Allies in general and the personnel of the British Royal Navy in particular - stop. I wish also to assure you that I have issued strict orders for the punishment of those responsible, also in order to prevent the repetition of similar incidents - stop. I beg you to accept the expression of my best feelings.

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Admiral R.F. Algernon WILLIS

Commander in Chief of the Mediterranean

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TRANSLATION

RESTRICTED PERSONAL.

MILITARY MARITIME AUTONOMOUS
COMMAND OF THE ADRIATIC (NORTH)

Venice, 9 May 1916.

File Nr 18805

SUBJECT: Demonstration against the Allies.

TO : Navy, Rome.

1. To-day between 19.30 and 20.30 hours in occasion of the military ceremony which took place in St. Mark's Square by the units of the British Royal Marines from the cruiser "ORION", just arrived in this port for a short stay as a relief for the cruiser "SUPERB" which left to-day, some civilian groups including several sailors made a hostile demonstration against the Allies. This demonstration lasted during the whole ceremony at which Military and Naval British authorities as well as the local Prefect and myself were present.

The British military authorities were represented by Rear Admiral KINAHAN with a staff of officers from the "ORION", by Gen. Sir JOHN HARDING, Commanding the 13th Corps and by Brig Gen EVE, Commanding the 86th Area, the latters accompanied by their wives.

The police service was supervised by the Chief of the Police and numerous police forces.

At the end of the ceremony, the crowd together with groups of sailors, notwithstanding the efforts of the police, broke the cordons and rushed towards the enclosure of the Authorities surrounding them, carrying national flags and cheering for Italy, Triest, Fiume and the Italian Navy.

The British authorities left under the protection of the police without any further incident.

I remained there and invited the crowd to keep calm and to disband drawing their attention to the fact that any action causing incidents would be deplorable and would cause make our situation worse.

My words were received by the applause and the consent of the whole crowd.

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2. The demonstration has been originated by the following elements:

a) The general excitement caused in the town by the news about the conditions which would be imposed on Italy by the peace treaty, and particularly that regarding the Italian fleet.

b) A few minor incidents which took place on the two preceding days between Italian sailors and civilians and British soldiers.

c) The fact that the ceremony included the formal pulling down of the British flag which had been previously hoisted on the central mast of the three planted in St. Mark's Square.

Before the start of the ceremony, the sailors hoisted two Italian flags on the side masts (which was not provided for by the program of the ceremony agreed by the British authorities with the local Italian police), while other flags were displayed by civilians and sailors from the balconies overlooking the square, drawing cheers from the crowd.

Before the crowd left the square, the Italian flags on the side masts were pulled down in my presence among a religious silence of the crowd.

3. After the demonstration, while I was returning to the Arsenal, following an invitation received through two British officers, I went to see Brig. Gen. EVE who expressed to me the deep regret of the military British authorities for the incident asking me to take steps that further happenings of the kind caused by sailors under my command should be avoided, as they consider that the incident was mainly due to them. He also informed me that should the situation not improve, Gen. Harding had the intention of proposing the necessity of putting the town again under the control of Allied Military authorities and of removing the whole Italian Navy from Venice.

I replied that I was sorry for what happened, but that I was not of his opinion with regard to my sailors being more responsible for the incident than the civilians, to whom according to me a considerable responsibility is to be ascribed for reasons originating from the present political situation.

4. I wish to inform the Ministry that, in the occasion of a meeting of officers which I held on the 6th instant in order to give them instructions to follow in the near future in occasion of the Referendum, of the elections and of the period thereafter, I have drawn their attention to the absolute necessity of avoiding during this period any incident which might somehow cause disorders bringing prejudice to the whole Nation.

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Besides, this morning, in consideration of the minor incidents which took place yesterday and the day before, as mentioned above, I called a meeting of all the commanding officers with personnel under them instructing them to assemble their men before shore leave and to recommend to them again to keep calm. I also issued orders to all Commanders and officers from other units to be today in St. Mark's Square and proximity in order to intervene in case of necessity with the sailors. These orders have been carried out and have helped me a lot to avoid that the demonstration might degenerate into much more serious incidents.

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5. I wish to make it clear that if sailors under my command have participated to the demonstration, they were a great minority among the civilians and that in any case I am absolutely convinced that the cause of the happenings cannot be ascribed to the Navy.

Besides, it must be considered that the present excitement caused by the political situation and by the news from the peace conference, is particularly felt in this town owing to its proximity to Venezia Giulia and to the presence in it of numerous elements who have fled from the disputed region or other refugees from Istria and Dalmatia.

THE ADMIRAL IN COMMAND:

/s/ Amedeo DUKE DI POLLINO

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TRANSLATION

RESTRICTED PERSONAL

MILITARY MARITIME AUTONOMOUS
COMMAND OF THE ADRIATIC (NORTH)

Venice, 9 May 1946.

File Nr 18803

SUBJECT: Demonstration against the Allies.

TO : Navy, Rome.

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THE ADMIRAL IN COMMAND:

/s/ Amedeo NOBILE DI POLLONE

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/s/ Amedeo NOMIS DI POLLONE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref : E5/15 03

16 April 1945

SUBJECT: Distribution of Medical Supplies

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner

AIDE MEMOIR

1. The non-distribution of medical supplies was discussed.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref:

3rd April 1946.

To: Executive Commissioner.

With reference to the question of the distribution of medical supplies by HEGNER the Director of the Public Health Sub-Commission has discussed the matter with the Deputy High Commissioner for Public Health.

It is understood that the Prime Minister has spoken to the Minister of the Treasury with a view to making a distribution to hospitals and clinics, either without payment or on account.

The old difficulty still persists that hospitals and clinics have not sufficient funds to pay in advance or are unable to pay at all.

As regards distribution of medical supplies to wholesalers and availability to the general public, the Deputy High Commissioner indicated that he was concentrating on meeting the needs of hospitals and clinics and that after their requirements had been met, there would be little available for the general public.

Dr. Bergsma, the High Commissioner for Public Health, is in London at the moment, but is expected to return very shortly when he will take up the matter again with the Prime Minister.

signed: M. CARR, Brigadier.
VP. CA.Section.

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U.S. Embassy
British Embassy
Vatican Relief Fund (NYKXI)
G-5, AFHQ
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THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS — Rome, 3 May 1946.

Dear Admiral,

The High Commissary for Hygiene and Public Health whose attention I had promptly called to the problem of distribution of medical preparations, about which you had written to me in your letter M/1803 dated 15 March 1946, has given me a detailed explanation of the situation in this matter, confirming that there has actually been undue delay in the deliveries owing to the fact that the financial Administration had requested the payment in advance of the medical preparations in order to avoid burdening the Treasury under the present difficult circumstances.

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I have however been assured that, in consequence also of the intensification of assignments to various provinces during these last months, the stocks of the "Andinea" depots have decreased considerably, while all preparations which could be somehow deteriorated like radiographic material, packages for newly born babies, ether, etc. have been distributed, being assigned in rations to the various provinces.

I have anyways requested the organisations concerned to take strictly care of the matter so that in future every delay in the distribution of the medicines may be avoided and the population - and particularly the poorer classes - may receive a more efficient sanitary assistance.

With kindest regards,

yours truly,

DE GASPERI

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

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TO : Acting Chief Commissioner

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: EX 62957 CITE NACOS
Date/Time of Origin: 16MAR1703A

Message Centre No: H/825
Date Time Rec'd: 181445
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: SIGNED COMGENMED

TO : 88 DIVISION PBS RAAC NAFCD ALCOM

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISS
Office of the Chief Commissio
AFO 394

E3/18.03

15 March 1946

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

During the last two years the Allies have imported a very large amount of medical supplies into Italy for the prevention of suffering and disease. These supplies have been handed over to an Italian organization known as Endimea. I am informed that only a small percentage of these supplies have been distributed and that at present no less than ten thousand tons are lying in Endimea warehouses throughout the country and have lain there for months. I enclose a report from the Director General of Endimea which confirms this.

I need not tell you that a deplorable impression this state of affairs has made on those in the various Allied relief organizations and in UNRRA who are doing their utmost to help the sick and suffering. It will become impossible to justify the import of further medical supplies into Italy while large stocks are lying in the warehouses, in spite of the urgent needs of the hospitals and dispensaries and the general public for all kinds of medical supplies.

Whatever may be the reason for this serious fault; whether it is that the Italian treasury has not made available the necessary credits or whether it is that Endimea insists on cash payment in advance; I feel sure, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, that you will agree that the state of affairs must be remedied and must be remedied immediately. If the problem is handled vigorously and speedily there should be no reason why the supplies could not be distributed within 45 - 60 days.

I would urge you therefore to urge all your responsible Ministers to make a coordinated effort to effect a speedy, regular, and efficient distribution of medical supplies to hospitals and the pharmaceutical trade. Only by such action can justification be made for further imports of medical supplies.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

cc: U.S. Embassy.
British Embassy.
Vatican Relief Fund (ENDSI)
G-5, AFHQ.
UNRRA.

Dr. Alcide De Gasperi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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(1) NUMBER ONE TRANSIT CAMP PAREN REFUGEES PAREN BARI FOR KING ASSEMBLY CENTRE

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SUBJECT IS MEDICAL REPORT WEAK ENDING TWO MARCH ON TYPHOID OUTBREAK BOYS SCHOOL BARLETTA PD

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394.
Public Health Sub-Commission

AC/ 3023/2/PH 9 March 1946

SUBJECT: - Venreal Disease

TO : - Chief Commissioner, HQ ALCOM.

1. Reference is made to Signal FX 61921 Cite HACG, dated 6 March 1946.

2. From the civilian point of view, the following are to be noted:

a Lack of confidence in Venereal disease specialists in hospitals.

(1). Their methods of, examination are not too reliable.

(2). There is an inclination, either through indifference or briberys to release cases before they are cured.

b Lack of medical supplies:

(1) A lack of apropriate medical supplies is always claimed.

(2) This lack of drugs is probably due to the slowness with which ENDIMEA distributes them.

c No Officers from this Sub-Commission are available to check V.D. activities in civilian hospitals, except in A.M.G. territory, that is Venezia Giulia and Udine Province (by personnel from the first area).

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

W. W. Sampson
W. W. SAMPSON, Captain, Sn. C.
Exec. Officer,
Public Health Sub-Commission.

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AFHQ FORM G-5
ALCOM ROME INFO: THREE DISTRICT

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Water sterilisation, Ancona.
1. Request strong representation be made immediately to Italian Government concerning non - availability of water purification chemicals for the water supply of Ancona AMG Area.
2. Must stress that this service is an entirely civil responsibility not a military one.
3. Ministry concerned should be reminded of similar situation recently obtaining in Florence and should be requested to take immediate steps to prevent its recurrence at Ancona
4. Request Alcom submit report on outcome of action indicated above as early as possible.

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Ref: 1610/U.

ROME. 4th March 1946.

FROM: ENDIMEA - The Director General
Rome.

TO : Mr. Keeny,
Chief of the Mission,
Rome.

cc: C.o.M. Action
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Registry (2)

1. With reference to the request of your secretary, I thereby enclose the return of ENDIMEA pharmaceutical and medical supplies available in the centres of Naples, Florence, Ancona, Catania, Genoa, Leghorn, Venice, Bari, Rome.

2. Movements in a/m centres are carried out according to a perfect administrative procedure. Notwithstanding this, it is impossible to have a complete list of the supplies at hand. As a matter of fact, while I am writing to you, distributions are being carried out. Moreover, the shipping orders concerning the distributions which have been effected a few days ago have not yet reached our centre.

3. In order to bring up to date the lists, which I hereby enclose, you should deduct about 1.5% from the quantities shown in a/m lists.

4. I enclose, moreover, a return summarizing (in Italian lire)the quantities of products received and distributed.

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6. As I had formerly informed you, we have not yet had the possibility of distributing the commodities according to our own views, but had to carry out the distribution programs as laid down by higher authorities from whom we depend.

7. As I have already explained to you, and as your representatives will already have ascertained, and will later on be able to ascertain better still, we have a widely spread and efficient organization which can carry out the necessary distributions in a rational and scrupulous way.

We will readily give you any further information required.

We hope that in the shortest possible time ENDIMEA will carry out speedily and efficiently the task for which it has been formed to the benefit of the country.

With best regards,

Yours truly,

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL.
/s/ illeg.

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RETURN OF MEDICINED SUPPLIES MOVEMENT

FROM: 1.10.1944. TO: 28.2.1946.

Medical supplies received directly from the Allies including August 1945.	Lit.	223.490.743.85	Medical supplies distributed as at the end of September 1945.	Lit. 190.086.600.46
Medical supplies withdrawn from CCD in Naples during August 1945.	"	117.046.641.75	Medical supplies distributed from October 45 until 28 Feb 46	" 46.981.703.40
Medical supplies withdrawn from CCMD Florence during September 1945	"	420.580.976.50	Medical supplies in course of distribution concerning which we do not possess complete details.	11.057.618.25
Chemical and pharmaceutical products, directly imported during the months of October, November, December, 1945.	"	496.421.839.87		
		1.257.548.201.97		248.125.922.11

THE CHIEF ACCOUNTANT

/s/ illeg.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX 61971 CITE MACG

Date/Time of Origin: 041906A

Message Centre No: H/213

Date Time Rec'd: MAR 060980

Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: PERSONAL FROM LEE SIGNED COMGENMED

TO :88 INF DIVISION: PBS: RAC MTOUSA: NAFCD: ALCOM.

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1/678A-0 DATED 6 MAY 1945. INSURE YOUR ACTION COMPLETED THEREON. ALSO ESPEDITE [redacted] COMPLIANCE LETTER MTOUSA 22 FEBRUARY 1946 AG 726. 1/026/ C/S-0. SUBJECT EXCESSIVE VD RATE. IN ADDITION EACH MAJOR COMMANDER WILL HIMSELF MAKE INQUIRY AND FORWARD TO ME BY 10 MARCH REPORT ON CONDITIONS PREVAILING, REMEDIAL ACTION TAKEN, AND ANY SPECIAL PROBLEMS BEYOND YOUR JURISDICTION. REPORT WILL INCLUDE FOGGIA AREA. FROM STONE [redacted] DESIRE ONLY BE FORWARD REPORT BY 10 MARCH ON CIVILIAN IMPLICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO ACTION.

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INFO : EXEC COMMISSIONER

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SUBJECT IS CHLOROHYDRIN FOR PHARMACEUTICALS PD

PARA ONE PD NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO DIRECT MANUFACTURE OF CHLOROHYDRIN PD

PARA TWO PD A SPECIFIC PRODUCTION PROGRAM IS REQUESTED FOR MARCH CMA APRIL AND ~~JUNE~~ MAY SPECIFYING PAREN ABLE PAREN PLANTS TO BE USED PAREN BAKER PAREN MONTHLY TONNAGES PLANNED BY PRODUCING PLANTS PAREN CHARLIE PAREN PRINCIPAL OUTLETS AND INDIVIDUAL MAJOR CONSUMING PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES PD

PARA THREE PD PRELIMINARY STEPS TOWARDS STARTING PRODUCTION ARE APPROVED BY THIS OFFICE SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE WHICH SHOULD BE CONSULTED IMMEDIATELY THROUGH THE ESTABLISHED CHANNELS NAMELY CHARLIE ITEM ABLE ITEM PD

PARA FOUR PD KINDLY EXPLAIN WHY RECOVERY OF CHLOROHYDRIN FROM SMOKE SCREEN LIQUID IS INSUFFICIENT IN VIEW OF THE HUNDREDS OF TONS OF THE LATTER NOW DECLARED SURPLUS PD SUBSTANCE THIS SIGNAL IS BEING COMMUNICATED TO MINISTRY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ROME PD

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PRIORITY

INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT

G.J. LEONE
CWO, USA
ASST. ADJUTANT

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Mr. V. DORKOVICH

23/10/43

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REFERENCE X 3/37 A.

1. FOLLOWING MEDICAL SUPPLIES URGENTLY NEEDED FOR VENEZIA GIULIA. BECAUSE OF THE ABSENCE OF ARRIVALS OF THE JANUARY/JUNE SUPPLIES AS REQUESTED IN LAC AIRGRAM 139. LIST IN 4 COLUMNS: COLON A, U S ARMY MEDICAL CATALOG NUMBER. B/COMMODITY. C/UNIT. D/QUANTITY. 10110. ACID BORIC, POUND. 20. 10835. ACID ASCORBIC. 100. 100. 10040. BISMUTH SUBCARBONATE. POUND. 50. 11195. CALCIUM GLUCONATE. DOZ. 6GMA 250. 11990. ETHER FOR ANESTHESIA. 1/4 POUND. 3000. 12565. LIVER PURIFIED EXTRACT. 1000. 50. 12654. MERCURY BICHLORIDE. 250. 50. 13370. PETROLATUM LIQUID. GAL. 20. 14050. SILVER NITRATE. OZ. 20. 14620. SULFATIAZINE OINTMENT. 5 PER CENT. 50. 14903. VITAMIN A/D. 100. 200. 15010. ZINC OXIDE. POUND. 15. 14950. WOOLFAT HYDROUS. POUND. 25. 79200. SULFUR OINTMENT. POUND. 500. 11105. CAFFEINE SODIO-BENZOATE. EA. 40. 11063. BISMUTH SUBSALICYDATE 6000. EA. 50. 11370. CHLORAL HYDRATE. 1/4 POUND. 100. 115 11450. COCAINE HYDROCHLORID. 1/4OZ. 5. 14150. SODIUM BICARBONATE. POUND. 200. 14220. SODIUM BROMIDE. 500. 100. NIL. SONIUM SALICYLATE. 1000. 50. 12180. GLYCERINE. POUND. 50. NIL. DDT POWDER. POUND. 200. 87½

2. PARMG/55 SUB AREA IS UNABLE TO SUPPLY ANY OF THE ITEMS LISTED IN PARA 1 ABOVE. NONE OF ABOVE ITEMS ARE IN STOCK.

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ALCOM LIAISON GROUP MILAN INDUSTRY NFT

ALCOM ROME FOR INDUSTRY FOR MR DORKOVICH

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Subject is sugar for pharmoceuticals industry.

1. On December 1945 chemicals committee requeste allocation of 990 tons sugar for 3 months period commencing January for pharmaceuticals and chemicals industries.

2. As per procedure followed for former allocation this request was forwarded on 12 December to food division Milan office.

3. Answer from Alcom Rome Food Division arrived only now with letter ref 73-3/Food dated 29 January ruling that sugar allocation has to be made by italian Government.

4. Meanwhile situation of of pharmaceuticals sugar consuming industries has become extremely critical.

5. Your assistance urgently required to speed allocation of initial quantity by Ministry of Industry and Commerce or any other competent agency.

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ALCOM LIAISON GROUP LOMBARDIA INDUSTRY
HQ ALCOM HOME FOR INDUSTRY FOR MR DOBROVICH

ROUTINE

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Subject is chlorydrine for pharmaceuticals.

1. Production of chlorydrine has been carried on so far only from smoke screen liquid.

2. This production is no longer sufficient for pharmaceuticals industry.

3. Requested your Headquarters authorize production of chlorydrine directly from hydrochloric acid and sulphuric anhydride.

4. Your answer urgently awaited.

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"K" ASSEMBLY CENTRE S 574 CMF ROUTINE

TO O I/C MEDICAL STORES NO 2 ITALIAN REFUGEE CAMP BOLOGNA INFO:
ALCOM FOR DISPER (MED BRANCH)

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PLEASE DISPATCH URGENTLY BY QUICKEST ROUTE DITHERIA TOXOID
FOR 400 CHILDREN. INDENT TO FOLLOW.

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CO 2D BOMB GROUP (HV) INFO: ALCOM ROME.

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CIVILIAN FOOD SITUATION FOGGIA AREA. (REF YOUR SS DAN 23 DATED 12 JANUARY 1946)

FOOD SITUATION FOGGIA KNOWN HQ AC AND OFFICE OF ITALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR FOOD.

2. BREAD RATION NOW ASSURED IN FOGGIA UNTIL 4 FEBRUARY 1946 AS RESULT OF ARRIVAL BARI OF SS WOODBURY ON 17 JANUARY.

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SUBJECT IS CIVILIAN RATION SITUATION IN FOGGIA PD

REFERENCE YOUR FOX XRAY FIVE EIGHT SIX SIX EIGHT OF ONE FIVE JANUARY PD

PARA ONE PD FOOD SITUATION FOGGIA KNOWN THIS HEADQUARTERS AND OFFICE OF HIGH COMMISSIONER FO FOOD PD

PARA TWO PD OWING TO SHORTFALLS OF WHEAT LOADINGS AND IRREGULAR SAILING FROM EXPORTING COUNTRIES CMA THERE HAS BEEN DETERIORATION IN GENERAL CEREAL POSITION THROUGHOUT ITALY PD NOW IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO ANY ONE PARTOF ITALY WITHOUT IMMEDIATELY ENDANGERING BREAD RATION IN OTHER PARTS PD

PARA THREE PD BREAD RATION NOW ASSURED IN FOGGIA FOR ONE THREE DAYS AS A RESULT OF ARRIVAL BARI SUGAR SUGAR WOODBURY ON ONE SEVEN JANUARY PD

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CC (Through Economic Section)
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Economic Section - Supply Group
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W.J.LEGG
Director

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Our C 15468 of 21 January 46 to DISTHREE for your information. "Further to your QG 4912 dated 10 Jan and letter 342 Q of 18 January conversation Mason Sibree refers.

1. All supplies for sterilisation of Florence water supply will be discontinued wef 1 Feb.

2. Military water points will be established if the civil supply is not fit for drinking. Not considered likely that Italian Government can take over present sterilization commitment.

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CHEMICALS FOR WATER SUPPLY FLORENCE IS SUBJECT PD

PARA ONE PD REFERENCE YOUR LETTER ONE SIX JANUARY ONE NINE FOUR FIVE FILE MEKE TIRE WHICH WAS RECEIVED HERE ONE NINE JANUARY PD

PARA TWO PD MINISTRY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE HAS BEEN PRESSED TO MAKE FORMAL WRITTEN ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLY OF CHEMICALS TO CONFIRM VERBAL ACCEPTANCE WHICH THEY MADE IN NOVEMBER PD MATTER IS EXPECTED TO BE CLEARED UP IN NEXT FEW DAYS AND YOU WILL BE ADVISED

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Industry and Utilities S/C

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ALCOM ROME

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RESTRICTED.

Following report has been received from A Unit in the Foggia Area: "Civilian food situation in this area is becoming critical. Pasta, base for civilian diet, is not now available on the market. Bread is insufficient and of poor quality.

Belief is prevalent among civilians that this situation will continue and grow worse for at least 3 months if some action is not taken toward reallocation of available supply of grain in the theater.

The situation seems to be of local nature and could result in activities endangering military security.

Recommend action be initiated to relieve the situation before any incidents caused by hunger occur".

Para 2. In view of fact that Foggia is a major wheat producing area request investigation by your Liaison Officer Bari and your comments as soon as possible together with details of any action which you propose to recommend to Italian Government.

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Ref: 9006/209/2C

17 January 1946

SUBJECT: Istituto Chimico Farmaceutico Militare

TO : Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Reference your Memorandum dated 22nd December 45, subject Istituto Chimico Farmaceutico Militare.

1. It would appear that the information you have received on this subject is incorrect.

2. The question concerning the Pharmaceutical Plant and Stocks at Merano has been the subject of correspondence between the CCM Branch and ARAR: this HQ's memo WD/33/78 dated 12 December 45 and ARAR's letter ARAR/S/7233 dated 15 December 1945 refer. Copies are attached.

3. A scheme has now been agreed whereby a number of Italian technicians can enter the Plant at Merano on or after the 26th January so as to familiarise themselves with the machinary and production.

4. The handover of the complete plant to the Italian Government together with raw material and certain surplus stores will commence 16 February 1946.

5. The Geneva Convention does not apply in this case.

(Sgd) F H Melsom
Lt Col
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Econ Sec (for CCM)
C.A.C. (for Pub. Health).

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EGYPTIAN QUARANTINE ADMINISTRATION HAVE TAKEN OVER PORT MEDICAL CONTROL OF ALL SHIPPING IN EGYPT AND THE SUEZ CANAL AREA. HEADS OF HEALTH SHOULD BE CAUTIED.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Health Sub-Commission

NOV 29 RECD

28 November 1945

AC/3065/PH

Subject : - Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs

To : - Public Health Service. Washington, D.C.

1. Please find enclosed herewith letters and documents forwarded to this Commission by Senator Stefano Cavazzoni, dealing with the above subject, and copy of letter of acknowledgement signed by the Chief Commissioner.

2. The enclosures are forwar ed to you for your information and for any action you may deem desirable.

G.M.FIZELLE
Colonel,
Director
Public Health Sub-Commission

Copy to : Office of the Chief Commissioner

Enclosures :
- Bulletin d'Information de l'Association Internationale de Defense contre les Stupefiants. Vol.V. Juillet 1931. No.1
- Narcotic Education, Bulletin of the World Conference on Narcotic Education, Vol.11 January 1929, No.3
- Letter and Memorandum to Chief Commissioner from Senator Cavazzoni
- Letter of recommendation from Father Gaetano Piccininni
- Letter of acknowledgement from Chief Commissioner AC/3065/PH, 30 Oct.'45

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Returned by Chief Public Health CC Office
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NOV 26 RECD

Allied Force Headquarters

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Subject: Disposal of CEM (Pharmaceutical Plants and Stocks) at MERANO.

AFHQ/5076/9(AE)

Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission to Italy

22 Nov 45

1. There is at MERANO a medical installation comprising a manufacturing plant and a supply and repair depot. The installation was established by the Germans and is still being run by the German staff. Besides the present production there are large stocks of Pharmaceutical material and equipment on hand.

2. Though much of the material is of German origin, some undoubtedly is of Italian origin and was removed by the Germans from Florence. Based on this the Italian Army, through MMIA, are requesting that certain material and equipment of Italian origin in the depot be returned to them.

3. The question of the disposal of the installation and its contents have been under discussion and it has been agreed that basically the principles laid down in this Headquarters AG 386.3 Q(AE)-0 dated 2 Oct 45 will govern its disposal.

4. To allow the claim of the Italian Army would prevent further output from the plants and, in view of the importance of its continuity, this is considered undesirable.

5. It has, therefore, been decided that, when certain demands made by Allied medical authorities including SEP requirements for CMF till the end of 1946, have been met, the remaining stocks and equipment will be declared surplus and will be handed over to the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce for disposal. It is pointed out, however, that the bids made by the Allied Medical authorities are of considerable magnitude, and some months must, of necessity, elapse before these demands can be fully satisfied.

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6. The claim of the Italian Army will not be considered separately and no other disposal will be entertained. It is considered that the installation, surplus stocks, and further output will not provide surpluses to the Italian Government's requirements for Italy. It will be for the Italian Government to decide the disposal of the installation, stocks and output as between the Italian Army and the civil economy, but in view of the importance of not disturbing output it is suggested that the Italian Government should bear in mind the advisability of ensuring the continuance of the installation as a whole.

7. Please, therefore, in conjunction with HQ 2 District, make adequate arrangements with the Italian Government for the installation and stocks to be taken over when declared surplus to Allied requirements. Maximum output will be continued throughout. When the take-over is complete the German Staff and British supervisors will be withdrawn and, therefore, the Italian Government should make preparations accordingly.

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A.C. DUFF, Major General,
Chief Administartive Officer.

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HQ., No 2 District, CMF

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AC/3065/PH

30 October 1945

My Dear Senator Cavazzoni:

I have read your memorandum with the greatest possible interest and agree with you most heartily that the suppression of the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs is as important a problem as the eradication of the major epidemic disease which have always threatened mankind.

I have noted that you are presenting your memorandum to the North American Authorities and take this opportunity for wishing you and all those associated with you every success in your humanitarian work.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W.STONE
Rear Admiral,USNR
Chief Commissioner.

Senator Stefano Cavazzoni
No.8 Via Mondovi,
ROME.

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Public Health 1/c
was directed to forward
on to Washington, D.C.
the above memorandum
request.
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Translation

Bellagio, 25 September 1945

As President of the 'Centre des Relations Internationales de l'Association Internationale de Defense contre les stupefiants et associations affiliees de Geneve' and member of the 'Directing Committee of the World Narcotic Defence Association of Los Angeles and New York' and in conformity with my talk with Colonel Page, I herewith forward a memorandum concerning the fight against the unlawful use of narcotics.

I hope that the United States will resume this battle in the international field, and I will be most happy to collaborate in this fight which is both necessary and urgent for the welfare of mankind.

s. Stefano Cavazzoni

Original together with all
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to Public Health S/C
to draft reply for CC's
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Ref: 3406/58/EC

6 Sept 45.

SUBJECT: Medical Supplies.

TO : VP, CA Section.

1. July monthly report of Public Health Sub-Commission indicates that despite repeated representations to the Italian Government, AMMIMMRA had made ~~his~~ distribution of medical supplies for three months.

2. May I be told of the present position.

M. S. [illegible]

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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5 Sept 1945.

~~31 August 1945~~

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My dear Prince Barberini: 48

I regret I have been unable to reply sooner to your memorandum dated 10 July 1945, but I assure you that the various requests set out in enclosure one have been investigated thoroughly by our Sub-Commissions.

Referring to the enclosure, I understand that the motor ambulance has now been placed at your disposal by the Italian Red Cross. I would suggest that you approach the local electrical company with regard to the dynamo for the hospital and electric wire for power transmission. If these items are unobtainable from the electrical company, the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission will give their assistance in locating any specific requirement you may submit.

So far as the movement of alcohol by road is concerned, this is restricted to distances under 60 kms. However, if you submit details of quantities and distances, further inquiries can be made.

Building materials from demolished buildings for the Genio Civile are obtainable from local sources and new materials are available in the open market.

Finally, with reference to your memorandum dated 20 August 1945, the suggested improvement in the rail service between Rome and Anzio-Nettuno is being dealt with by the Transportation Sub-Commission of the Economic Section.

Assuring you of the Commission's continued interest in the work of rehabilitation.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

8:11 - Prince Enrico Barberini
President, Association for the Rehabilitation
and Development of Anzio and Nettuno
Via Quattro Fontani 13
Rome

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel: 843238

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SUBJECT: Rehabilitation and Development of Anzio and Nettuno.

24 August 1945

My dear Prince Barberini:

Reference is to your letter of 20th August 1945, concerning the introduction of additional railway facilities to meet the needs of the people of Anzio and Nettuno.

Rail Division, Transportation Sub-Commission, has received from the Director General, Italian State Railways, certain proposals in respect of increased services between Rome and Anzio. These proposals form part of a complete program to meet the needs of many small communities, all of which are anxious to restore their opportunities for trading.

Transportation Sub-Commission is dealing with these requests sympathetically, but many factors prevent immediate action.

Firstly, there is a great shortage of passenger coaches, and those which have so far become available have been needed for the introduction of long distance passenger services. As an alternative, freight box cars have been used in essential cases, but these box cars are also in short supply for the movement of essential foodstuffs.

Increased services mean an increase in coal consumption, and locomotive power is not only difficult to provide, but difficult to maintain.

With this point in mind, Transportation Sub-Commission is working to provide, in conjunction with Military Railway Service, littorine passenger services on lines such as the Anzio line, and correspondence has passed with Italian State Railways on this matter. At present, inquiry is fully in hand to provide two coupled littorine for the movement of passengers between Rome and Anzio, but this must of necessity mean some delay as

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investigation is necessary in Northern Italy to ascertain the availability of the littorine needed.

The existing freight car service was introduced especially to meet the needs of port workers who live in Rome and work at Anzio. Approximately 140 workers and 60 other passengers are so conveyed daily.

So far as the movement of freight is concerned, the Capo Compartimento in Rome, and the Servisio Movimento have freedom to accept such traffic within the freight car allocation, and no action is necessary by Allied Commission, other than to authorize the regular operation of a purely freight service if the Italian State Railways so desire.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) CHARLES W. YEAGLEY

E.E. MacINNES
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
Acting Vice President.

Prince Enrico Barberini, President,
Association for the Rehabilitation &
Development of Anzio & Nettuno,
Via Quattro Fontane, 13,
Rome.

cc: Chief Commissioner ✓
D.M.R.S., Rome
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August 23, 1945

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Airmail

Dear Admiral Stone:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of July 30th which records appreciation of the work done by members of The Rockefeller Foundation who were attached to the Public Health Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission in the field of public health and preventive medicine in Italy.

It will be a pleasure to convey to Dr. Soper, Dr. Markham, Dr. Riehl, Dr. Kumm, and Mr. Knipe the expression of your sincere thanks for the splendid results you feel they have achieved, and I shall take the liberty to present your letter to our Board of Scientific Directors at an early date.

On behalf of our staff and members of the Board, I wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing me and to express our deep appreciation of the opportunity that was afforded us to render useful service to the Allied Commission in Italy.

Yours sincerely,

George K. Strode

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Rear Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Office of the Chief Commissioner
Headquarters Allied Commission
APO 394, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

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Return to
Chief Commissioner

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23 August 45.

My Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

I am considerably alarmed at reports I have received concerning the lack of adequate distribution of Allied medical supplies by the organisation known as ENDIMEA which has been set up to effect distribution.

It appears that the chief source of delay is the fact that the Treasury has instructed ENDIMEA to receive payment for supplies prior to distribution. Where large accounts are concerned it is often difficult for the receiving agency to produce the required sum at short notice with the result that the ordinary man in the street is deprived of his much needed medical supplies.

I should be grateful if you would interest yourself in this matter with a view to persuading the Treasury to rescind their ruling on payment and so obtain an immediate release of supplies which are at present lying in the warehouses of ENDIMEA in large quantities.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

Professor Ferruccio Parri,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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21 August 1945.

Dear Prince Barberini:

Thank you very much for your letter of 20 August 1945 enclosing a copy of the first issue of the information bulletin published by your Association.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Prince Enrico Barberini, President,
Association for the Rehabilitation and
Development of Anzio and Nettuno,
13 Via Quattro Fontane (Palazzo Barberini),
Rome.

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Translation

Association for the Rehabilitation and Development
of Anzio and Nettuno

Rome, Via Quattro Fontane, 13

Rome, 20 August 1945

To Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission in Italy

Rome

Referring to my memorandum of July 10th, I take the liberty of submitting to your kind attention the new data of the problem for the improvement of railroad communications between Rome-Anzio and Nettuno.

The Italian Ministry of Transports, Direction General for Railroads, submitted the following plan to the Transportation Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission, Railroads Section: instead of the two daily trips made by one train only, from Rome at 7 hours and from Anzio at 17 hours, as now, three daily trips in each direction, of which two on a railway line which is shorter than the one which has been used up to now.

This plan if accepted, would allow the transport of the people and materials which are necessary for the reconstruction of both famous little towns.

I must tell you, my dear Admiral, how anxious the population is to have this serious and urgent problem solved, and also express their gratitude for your kind interest.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION
(Prince Enrico Barberini)

s. Enrico Barberini

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Translation

Association for the Rehabilitation and Developement
of Anzio and Nettuno

Rome, Via Quattro Fontane, 13

Rome, 20 August 1945

To Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission in Italy
R o m e

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Will you ~~kindly allow us~~ PLEASE ACCEPT, my dear Admiral, [redacted] the first information Bulletin published by our Association to support public and private initiatives for the reconstruction of the two beautiful Thyrrenean cities that have now become famous after the great battle for the bridgehead.

Our wish and hope is for our action to bring about economic collaboration between the various groups and categories of the population, this being the fundamental basis for the reconstruction.

I remain,

Yours truly,

THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION
(Prince Enrico Barberini)

s. Enrico Barberini

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ASSOCIAZIONE
PER LA RINASCITA E LO SVILUPPO
DI ANZIO E NETTUNO

ROMA - VIA QUATTRO FONTANE 13
(palazzo Barberini)

IL PRESIDENTE

Roma, 20 agosto 1945 TEL. 45-731

Sig. Ammiraglio Ellery W.Stone
Capo della Commissione Alleata in Italia
R O M A

Voglia gradire, signor Ammiraglio, l'omaggio del primo Bollettino d'informazioni che la nostra Associazione ha pubblicato per stimolare ed appoggiare le iniziative pubbliche e private per la ricostruzione delle belle ed ora, dopo la grande battaglia della testa di ponte, famose cittadine tirrene.

La nostra volontà e la nostra speranza è di suscitare con la nostra attività la collaborazione economica tra i vari gruppi e categorie della popolazione quale fondamento dell'opera della rinascita.

La ossequio distintamente.

IL PRESIDENTE DELL'ASSOCIAZIONE
(P.pe Enrico Barberini)
Enrico Barberini

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Capo della Commissione Armistizio [illegible]

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Translation

'Anzio e Nettuno' - Monday, 20 August 1945

'Admiral Stone, Chief of the Allied Commission in Italy, received the President and several representatives of the Association for the Rehabilitation of Anzio and Nettuno, and showed a great interest in the problems of the little towns in relation with the relief activity of the Allies in Italy.'

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30 July 1945

Dear Doctor Strode:

I feel that the time has come for me to record my very deep appreciation of the work done by members of the Rockefeller Foundation attached to the Public Health Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission in the field of Public Health and Preventive Medicine in Italy.

Doctor Soper and Doctor Markham have been specially prominent in the realm of Typhus control, while Doctor Kumm (who has now left for Brazil), Doctor Riehl and Mr. Knipe have shown great zeal in their anti-malarial measures. The initial reports on their work lead me to believe that it is one which will have far-reaching results.

The achievement of your staff both in Typhus and Malaria control are of outstanding scientific importance and without the assistance of the Rockefeller Foundation the Public Health Sub-Commission would have been greatly handicapped in these two spheres of activity.

I should be grateful if you would kindly express to these workers my sincere thanks for the splendid results they have achieved and for the important contribution they have made to the health of Italy.

Yours very truly,

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/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

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Doctor George K. Strode,
Director, International Health Division
Rockefeller Foundation,
49 West 49th Street,
New York, N.Y.

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Chief Commissioner

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25 July 1945.

Dear Prince Barberini:

With further reference to your memorandum of 10 July on the subject of equipment for a 40-bed hospital to be located in Nettuno, I have been advised by Dr. Behn of UNRRA that at the moment equipment for 40-bed hospital units has not been received in Italy but some is expected within the next two months. This equipment will be allocated to the most urgent cases and UNRRA believes that the Anzio-Nettuno hospital needs will come high on the priority list.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Prince Enrico Barberini,
President of the Association for the Rehabilitation
and Development of Anzio and Nettuno,
Via Quattro Fontane 13, (Palazzo Barberini),
Rome.

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Copy to: Director Public Health Sub-Com.
Executive Commissioner
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14 July 1945.

Dear Mr. Keeney:

This will confirm the matter which I discussed with Governor Lehman and you on 10 July, namely, the need for hospital equipment for a 40-bed hospital which Italian residents of Anzio and Nettuno desire to activate in the latter town.

I understand that a building has been set aside for this purpose, but that the inhabitants are in great need of hospital and other medical equipment which, it would seem to me, UNRRA is best able to provide.

However, I shall be glad to offer the collaboration of my Public Health Sub-Commission if there is anything we can do to assist.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Mr. S. M. Keeney,
Chief, UNRRA Italian Mission.

Exec. Comm.
cc Copy to: Brigadier G. S. Parkinson, M.S.O.,
Director, Public Health Sub-Commission.

Prince Enrico Barberini,
President of the Association for the Rehabilitation and Development of Anzio and Nettuno,
Via Quattro Fontane 13, (Palazzo Barberini),
Rome.

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Translation

Association for the Rehabilitation and
Development of Anzio and Nettuno

Rome - Via Quattro Fontane, 15

Rome, 1o July 1945

To Admiral Ellery Stone
Chief of the Allied Commission in Italy
R o m e

The Association for the rehabilitation and development of Anzio and Nettuno was formed in August 1944; this organization does not aim at speculating; it means to bring relief to the populations of the two small towns, repair the terrible war damages and carry out reconstruction.

The Association is bout to be acknowledged as a welfare organization by the Government.

The Allied and Italian Authorities have supported and taken a kind interest in our intense activity; H. E. Myron Taylor gave generous help: clothes and other things, and H.E. Alexander Kirk kindly took an interest in the reconstruction, attending the exhibition of the sketches for the new plan for the two small towns, exhibition which was organized by the Association.

The Association is in close collaboration with the sovereign military order of Malta, which, besides distributing medicines free of charge, generously established a first aid station and has now organized a hospital which will start functioning within the next few days.

The populations of Anzio and Nettuno are proud of having suffered for the war of liberation against the common enemy and that one of the Cemeteries of the allied heroes should be in their territory.

Now, the populations of both towns have one wish only, to work peacefully and energetically for reconstruction. But they need help for this task for which they are making use of the few available means left.

The allotment of salvaged allied material would be a great help. This Association is therefore asking the Allied Commission to allot to the populations of both towns, against payment and directly, through the channel of the Association which would take care of the distribution, as much material as it is possible, from salvaged vehicles (the problem of transports is very serious in Anzio and Nettuno) to electric wires, and timber for reconstruction.

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Besides, our Association is also forwarding another request for the hospital of the order of Malta which is to be opened shortly, and one for the engineer cârps (Genio Civile) of both towns (enclosure n. 1)

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Trusting in your kind interest for the problems of both little towns, and hoping that their goodwill for reconstruction may be helped, I want to tell you the gratitude of the Association and of the population which will use all their energyfor peace in a free and united world after victory.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

Prince Enrico Barberini

e. Enrico Barberini

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Translation

Enclosure n. 1

- Motor ambulance for the hospital of the order of Malta which is to be opened.

- A dynamo engine for an X Rays installation for the future hospital of the order of Malta.

- -Permission to transport small quantities of alcool on an Italian truck, for the future hospital of the order of Malta (to be granted by the Allied Authorities).

- Electric wire to carry electric power, 10 Kms.

- Building material for the engineers (Genio Civile) of Anzio and Nettuno.

- To have railway transport answer the requirements of reconstruction, we wonder whether it would be possible to have two Roma-Nettuno & Nettuno -Roma journeys in the morning and two in the afternoon, instead of having one train leaving from Roma in the morning, and one train coming back in the afternoon; (this might be done by the same train); We would like these journeys to take place by the Campoleone-Roma line, controlled by the Allied Authorities.

ASSOCIAZIONE
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DI ANZIO E NETTUNO

ROMA - VIA QUATTRO FONTANE 13
(palazzo Barberini)

Roma, 10 Luglio 1945

TEL. 45-731

IL PRESIDENTE

Sig.Ammiraglio ELLERY STONE
Capo della Commissione Alleata dell'Italia
R O M A

L'Associazione per la rinascita e lo sviluppo di Anzio e Nettuno si è costituita nell'Agosto del 1944 quale ente di solidarietà civica, con l'esclusione di qualsiasi scopo di speculazione, per promuovere l'assistenza alle popolazioni delle due cittadine e promuovere la riparazione dei tremendi danni di guerra sofferti e la ricostruzione.

E' ora in corso il riconoscimento dell'Associazione da parte del Governo quale ente morale.

La nostra intensa attività in questo tempo è stata effettuata con l'interessamento cordiale e con l'appoggio delle Autorità Italiane ed Alleate, tra cui S.E. Myron Taylor che ha dato generosi soccorsi di vestiti ed altro e S.E. Alexsander Kirk che si è interessato alla ricostruzione partecipando alla mostra dei progetti per il nuovo piano regolatore delle due cittadine, compiuto per iniziativa dell'Associazione.

Una stretta collaborazione è stata attuata con il sovrano ordine militare di Malta che, oltre distribuzioni gratuite di medicinali, ha generosamente istituito in Nettuno un attivo posto di soccorso ed ora ha organizzato un ospedale che incomincerà a funzionare tra pochi giorni.

Le popolazioni di Anzio e Nettuno sono fiere, Signore Ammiraglio, di avere sofferto per la guerra di liberazione contro il nemico comune e sono fiere di custodire nel loro territorio i Cimiteri degli eroici caduti alleati.

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Ora le due popolazioni hanno un solo desiderio, lavorare serenamente ed alacremente per la ricostruzione. Ma per questo lavoro, a cui già si sono dedicate con tutti i pochi mezzi disponibili, esse hanno bisogno di aiuti.

Un grande ausilio sarebbe l'assegnazione di materiale alleato recuperato. Questa Associazione esprime perciò ad Ella, Signor Ammiraglio, il desiderio che la Commissione Alleata possa assegnare a pagamento e direttamente alle due popolazioni per mezzo dell'Associazione stessa, che si occuperebbe della distribuzione, tutto il materiale possibile, da automezzi ricuperabili (poichè il problema dei trasporti è gravissimo in Anzio e Nettuno) ai fili per l'energia elettrica, al legname per la ricostruzione.

Inoltre la nostra Associazione osa rivolgersi alla Sua benevolenza per sottoporle un'altra preghiera contenente varie richieste per l'istituendo

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ospedale dell'ordine di Malta e per il Genio Civile dei due paesi (richie=
sta allegata N.1)

Confidando nel Suo alto e cordiale interessamento ai problemi delle due cittadine e con la speranza vivissima che la loro volontà di rinascere possa essere aiutata, esprimo ad Ella la gratitudine dell'Associazione e del=le due popolazioni che impegnano fin d'ora le loro energie migliori per la pace in un mondo libero ed unito dopo la grande vittoria.

Voglia gradire, Signor Ammiraglio, l'espressione della mia gratitudi=ne personale e del mio saluto.

IL PRESIDENTE DELL'ASSOCIAZIONE
(P.pe Enrico Barberini)

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ASSOCIAZIONE
PER LA RINASCITA E LO SVILUPPO
DI ANZIO E NETTUNO

ROMA - VIA QUATTRO FONTANE 13
(palazzo Barberini)

TEL. 45-731

IL PRESIDENTE

RICHIESTA ALLEGATA N.1

- Autoambulanza per l'istituendo ospedale dell'ordine di Malta

- Un motore a dinamo per un impianto di raggi X per l'istituendo ospedale dell'ordine di Malta.

- Permesso di trasporto di piccoli quantitativi di alcool su camion italiano per l'istituendo ospedale dell'ordine di Malta (da concedersi dalle Autorità Alleate).

- Filo elettrico per trasporto di energia elettrica, 10 Km.

- Materiale da costruzione per il Genio Civile di Anzio e Nettuno.

- Si desidererebbe inoltre che per adeguare i trasporti ferroviari alle esigenze impellenti della ricostruzione, invece di un solo viaggio di andata in partenza la mattina da Roma e di un solo viaggio di ritorno da Nettuno nel pomeriggio, fossero effettuati due viaggi di andata e ritorno Roma-Nettuno e Nettuno-Roma e altrettanti nel pomeriggio (cosa che si potrebbe attuare anche con lo stesso treno) e che tali viaggi potessero essere effettuati sulla linea Campoleone-Roma controllata dalle Autorità Alleate.

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AC/3069/G/PH

9 April 1945

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

With reference to conditions in the Mental Hospital at Palermo, a report was asked for from the Regional Public Health Officer in Sicily and he has made the following points: -

(a) He has made frequent inspections of the Hospital during the past fourteen months and all his inspections were made without prior warning. He states that while conditions were bad, he never saw patients sleeping on piles of straw, there being no necessity for this as the institution has an adequate supply of beds and bedding. He suspects that a special performance was staged for the benefit of the Consul General, as in the case of the hospital at Potenza which was the subject of considerable correspondence with the Ministry of Interior during the winter of 1943-44.

(b) The number of inmates is 1,472. Every ward has a full complement of bedsteads and the institution possesses:

Blankets	2946
Mattresses (Flock)	1890
Paillasses (Straw)	553
Sheets	2146
Pyjama Suits	1936

The American Navy donated a quantity of salvaged army clothing and in September 1944 the American Red Cross released 1956 pyjama suits. In addition, in January 1945 the following articles were given to the Hospital:

Sheets	625
Pillow-cases	500
Shirts	876
Underclothing	1004
Coats	200
Pyjamas	120
Trousers	160
Stockings	200 prs.
Mattresses (wool-filled)	35

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AMGOT distributed 100 tons of clothing to Sicily last month and the hospitals were included in the distribution list. Furthermore, it is hoped that 20,000 blankets will be sent to Sicily in the near future.

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AC/3069/6/PH

April 1945

It is felt that while conditions in the Hospital were bad, they were not quite as bad as was represented to the Consul General and continued efforts have been made to alleviate them.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Honorable Alexander Kirk
American Ambassador
119 Via Vittorio Veneto
Rome.

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MINUTE SHEET. II

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To. A/Ex. Comm.

Folio 3 is submitted for the approval and signature of C.C.

It is in reply to a report by Ag. Consul General at folio 1.

R. R. Cripps

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To: C A Sec.

Ref minute 6 above. Letter to the American Ambassador, signed by Chief Commissioner, is returned for dispatch.

E. Shadden
MAJOR.

Office, E.C.
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To: C A Sec.

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E. Shaden
MAJOR.

Office, E.C.
9 Apr 45

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TO: Brigadier Parkinson, Public Health Sub-Commission, Hq AC

1. At 1 is a copy of a letter which was passed to you (personally, I believe) by the Chief Commissioner for action.

2. At 2 is a request from the American Ambassador to be informed if any action has been taken, as he had heard no further word on the subject.

3. The Chief Commissioner would be grateful if you would inform him as early as possible how this matter now stands.

J. A. Quayle

J. A. QUAYLE
Major, R. A.
Staff Officer to CC

31 March 1945

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TO: Brigadier Parkinson, Public Health Sub-Commission, Hq AC

Re telephone conversation Parkinson-Stearns.

Will you please draft letter to Ambassador Kirk for the Chief Commissioner's signature summarizing the current position and corrective action being taken in regard to the Palermo hospital situation.

L. W. Stearns

L. W. STEARNS
Major, A.G.D.
A/Staff Officer to CC

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To: CA Sect.
Letter attached for transmittal to CC for signature.

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Dear Ellery..

A while ago I gave you a copy of the report on Pakeha. Do you know if anything has been done or can be done?

Yr.

Allen K

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March 30th.

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American Consulate General

Palermo, Italy - February 14, 1945.

The Honorable
Alexander Kirk,
American Ambassador,
Rome, Italy.

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

A few days ago I had an occasion to visit the Ospedale Psichiatrico di Palermo in connection with the hospitalization of two World War I American veterans and while there made a tour of the institution. The conditions are apalling and beggar description. Some immates are sleeping on piles of straw on tile floors with only one garment or piece of cloth for covering. Scores have no blankets and only straw ticks on their beds. In each instance there was one piece of clothing, as a rule made of rough woolen material such as uniform tunic which was worn next to the skin with the normal result of producing skin infections and sores. During the bitter cold weather which we had during December and January the death rate was very high due to a large degree to exposure. The officials were reluctant to give me the actual figures and I did not press them on it. The place was kept as clean as possible under the circumstances and the food, which I saw prepared, was done as well as the means available permitted.

The director of the hospital informed me that a request has already been submitted through A.C. for certain articles of clothing and equipment, and I wish to add my endorsement for any relief which may reasonably be requested.

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Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Alfred T. Nester
American Consul General

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Ref: AC/3072/2/PM.

14 February 1945.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

For the past two months this Commission has not been satisfied with the distribution of medical supplies brought into Italy by the Allies.

As you know from 1st December 1944 distribution of these supplies has been handled by an Italian Government sponsored organisation, E.N.D.I.M.M.A., working in close collaboration with the Public Health Department of the Ministry of the Interior. There has been a failure to effect rapid and proper distribution, notably in Rome and Toscana, which has been pointed out to H.E. Dr. G. Solimena, Director of the Public Health Department, on several occasions during the past month, but the machinery still appears to be working extremely slowly.

I should be grateful, my dear Mr. Prime Minister, if you would ensure a better and more rapid distribution of these urgently needed supplies in the future. The Allies are not prepared to continue the import of medical supplies except on the assurance that they will be rapidly and effectively distributed amongst users in accordance with the agreed priority.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
The President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
ROME.

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cc: COS
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FIVE ARMY FOR AMG RPTD TOSCANA REGION GMA ALCOM MEDICAL DEPOT FLORENCE

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PARA ONE FD SUBJECT IS FAILURE OF ENDIMEA TO DISTRIBUTE MEDICAL SUPPLIES IN TOSCANA FD UNDERSTAND PRINCIPLE CAUSE OF FAILURE IS INABILITY OF PROVINCES TO PAY IN ADVANCE LIRE FOR SUPPLIES FD

PAREN TO FIVE ARMY FOR AMG RPTD TOSCANA REGION GMA ALCOM MEDICAL DEPOT FLORENCE FROM HQ ALCOM PAREN

PARA TWO FD YOU WILL ORDER OFFICIALS OF ENDIMEA TO DISTRIBUTE TO PROVINCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPROVED BREAKDOWN TO PROVINCES SENT TO ALCOM FLORENCE MEDICAL DEPOT ON ONE THREE JANUARY WITHOUT REQUIRING IMMEDIATE PAYMENT FD

PARA THREE FD SOLIMENA DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH MINISTRY OF INTERIOR CONCURS IN THIS ORDER TO ENDIMEA FD

PARA FOUR FD REFUSAL BY ENDIMEA OFFICIALS TO COMPLY SHOULD BE TREATED AS A FAILURE TO OBEY AN ORDER OF AMG AND PUNISHED UNDER PROCLAMATION FD

PARA FIVE FD ITALIAN GOVERNMENT REQUEST REPORT FROM THEIR REPRESENTATIVE SENT INVESTIGATE POSITION ON ONE THREE JANUARY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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LET DISTRIBUTION: Chief Commissioner
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Civil Affairs Section

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO, USA
Asst Adjutant

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Chief Comm

Rome, 22 January 1945

Dear Admiral,

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I received your letter of January 18th AG/3072/9/ZH and I thank you very much for what you so kindly pointed out about the impossibility of granting the request made in favour of Prof. Montpolconi.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Truly yours,

E. Lucifero

(Minister of the Royal Household)

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
R o m e

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CofS Dist - 23 Jan 45

ACTION: CA Sec

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No need to show CC.

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AC/3072/9/PH

18 January 1945

Dear Marchese Lucifero:

I very much regret that it is impossible to obtain release of Penicillin from Army sources for cases of civilian illness. The only stocks of Penicillin held in this Theater are in possession of the military and are scarcely sufficient for the treatment of casualties.

In consequence, the Director of Medical Services, AFHQ, has issued an order to the effect that, while he regrets to make this decision, he cannot authorize any supply of Penicillin to be made available for civilian use.

I am sorry to say, therefore, that there is nothing further I can do to assist in this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

His Excellency Marchese F. Lucifero,
Minister of the Royal Household,
Italian Government,
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Translation

Rome, 11 January 1945

Dear Admiral,

I teke the liberty of adding a few words to draw your kind attention on the request of Dr. Jaudolo

As you will see, it is an urgent request made to save a life; I hope you will excuse me if I am once more abusing of your courtesy.

I remain, my dear Admiral,

Truly yours,

S. Lucifero

Admiral Stone
Chief Commissioner
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Translation

Rome, 10/1/943

Dear Admiral,

One of the best surgeons in Rome, Prof. Aurelio Stoppoloni, living in Piazza Mincio, 2, has been suffering for about a month from an 'abscess of the left lung'.

He is very ill and in absolute need of a treatment of 'penicillina', as can be seen from the enclosed certificate by Prof. Frugoni, Director of the Clinica Medica of the R. University.

As there is a very great shortage of the said medicine, also by the Allied Armies, I shouldn't take the liberty of making this request for my friend if he hadn't some particular merits in the eyes of the Allies:

In November 1943, while Rome was occupied by the nazis, Prof. Stoppoloni was called by me to operate Sergeant Major Ralph Byrns, of South Africa, escaped prisoner of war who lived in hiding with the Nerbone family (Via Cherubini, 16 - Tel. 86.916).

For many days, not caring about the danger of being found out by the nazi-fascists, Prof. Stoppoloni and I cured disinterestedly the allied soldier, till he was quite well again, prompted by feelings of Christian charity and of sympathy for the Allies.

Now that Prof. Stoppoloni's life is endangered, I hope that moved by the same feelings, you will let him have the quantity of 'penicillina' which is required to save his life (10 phials of 100000 u.)

You would thus be doing once more one of these acts of kindness and justice which have endeared you to all Italians

I remain, Your

Yours truly,

S. Dr. Costantino Landolo

Rome, Via G.B. De Rossi, 20
tel 862970

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Translation

Istituto di Clinica Medica Generale
e Terapia Medica
The Director

Rome, 10/1/945

I certify that Prof. Aurelio Stoppoloni, aged 49, living in Rome, piazza Mincio, 2, has been suffering for a month from an 'abscess to the left lung'.

His state is serious in itself and rendered more so because he is also suffering from chronical 'epato-colecistite', and can take neither 'arsenobenzols' nor, 'sulfamidici'.

I consider that a treatment by penicillina only can bring recovery to the patient.

THE DIRECTOR.
(Prof. Cesare Frugoni)

S. Frugoni

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

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CC 806

10 January 1945

Subject: Report on Medical Supply Situation in Liberated Italy

To: Brigadier Parkinson, Public Health Subcommission
(through: Chief of Staff and DCOS, CA Section)

1. The Chief Commissioner has been asked by the Advisory Council for Italy to arrange for the presentation of a report at the next meeting of the Council on January 19 on the medical supply situation in Liberated Italy, indicating total amount and origin of supplies shipped, system of distribution of these supplies, accounting procedure, and safeguards adopted by both the Allied Commission and Italian authorities to assure the distribution of these supplies to the public through legitimate channels.

2. I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to ask you to prepare a suitable report covering the points raised, which should take 10 to 15 minutes to read, no longer. The draft of this report is required for the Chief Commissioner's approval, and should reach this office by Monday, 15 January. Seven copies of the approved report will be required by the Secretariat of the Advisory Council not later than Thursday, 18 January.

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J. A. QUAYLE
Major, F. A.
Staff Officer to CC

FOR TEXT OF REPORT, SEE 802/cc

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21 December 1944

Whaley-Eaton Foreign Service
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

May I submit a comment with regard to paragraph 2 of your foreign letter No. 1338 of 5 December 1944.

There are no statistics to support an estimate that "one-half of Italy's children under one year of age die of malnutrition, and one-fifth of the population of Rome has tuberculosis." In September, a correspondent cabled that the infant mortality rate in Rome was 43.8% or that practically one out of every two infants died. The error was that while the actual infant deaths in Rome for the month of July amounted to 436, the number of births was not 1,000, which would have given the infant mortality rate which was assumed, but almost 2,000. The actual infant mortality rate was therefore 22%. Since July the rate has fallen to between 8 and 9% although some increase is expected during the winter months. I am confident, however, that it will not rise to the high figure of July immediately following Rome's liberation.

As you point out, our greatest difficulty is transportation. This is true not only within this country, due to war destruction and requisitioning by the armed forces (both the enemy and the Allies), but the available overseas tonnage in which both civilian food and military supplies must be imported is simply not enough to carry the load.

Very truly yours,

s/ [illegible]

Rear Admiral
Chief Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

Tel: 735

11 December 1944.

Ref: 3402/25/COS

SUBJECT: Infant Mortality in ROME.

TO : Chief Commissioner.

In accordance with your request the following are the infant mortality figures per 1000 for October and November. The two previous months figures are repeated for comparison, as also are figures for October and November 1943.

Year	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
1944	148.7	89.9 ~~80.2~~	90.9	134.9
1943	126.1	96.9	101.8	99.6

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Brigadier
Chief of Staff.

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Tel: 478008

Ref. 3072/43/T!!

10th December, 1944.

SUBJECT: Central Civilian Medical Depot.

TO : APM, G-5 Section.

1. Reference your M-4 dated 28th November, 1944, the arrangements with regard to the CCMD are noted and the position as to the functions of the CCMD is agreed.

2. In connection with para 4 it is pointed out that the position with regard to finding the personnel is accepted. It is, however, considered regrettable that it is found necessary to reduce the overhead TO of the 2675 Regiment by 5 officers and 10 EM in order to find the necessary personnel.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M. S. [illegible]

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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November 3rd, 1944

Press Release - Immediate

In order to correct certain misstatements which have been current regarding infant mortality in Rome, the following official figures are issued. They cover the period January, 1943 to September, 1944, during which latter month, it may be noted, infant mortality was the lowest since January and lower than the same month last year.

The infant mortality rate for a given period is calculated by means of the following formula, which is the standard scientific measure adopted by international convention :

Infant Mortality Rate : $\frac{\text{Number of deaths infants under 1 year of age x 1000}}{\text{Number of registered live births.}}$

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Feb	2239	180	80.3	2405	223	92.7
Mar	2554	170	66.5	2363	247	104.4
Apr	2336	148	63.3	2078	227	109.2
May	2393	206	86.0	1792	274	152.9

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June	2259	287	127.0	2077	393	189.2
July	2351	219	93.1	1979	438	221.3
Aug	1902	238	125.1	2004	298	148.7
Sep	1909	185	96.9	1890	170	89.9
Oct	1984	202	101.8			
Nov	2048	204	99.6			
Dec	2170	191	88.0			

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Figures up to Sept. 44

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394

AC5/3072/Pt

14 October 1944

SUBJECT: - Directive for Establishment of Central Civilian Medical Depot.

TO : - Allied Force Headquarters, G-5 Section, APO 512, U.S. Army.

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1. I refer to your M.3 dated 5 October 1944 on the a/m subject matter.

2. It is regretted that the Commission has not been kept informed by you of the progress of events through the normal staff channels. It is suggested that following on your signal FX 93841 of 8 September it would have been better to have put your proposals before this Commission so that policy could have been considered at the proper level rather than to have proceeded immediately to discussions with the technical officer concerned.

3. The Commission does NOT concur with the issue of your proposed directive for the following reasons: -

a. Owing to acute shortage of personnel this Commission is not in a position to undertake any work which does not relate entirely and strictly to the functions of the Commission in Italy.

b. It is not considered that the work of the CCMD at Naples and the functions properly performed by the Commission in the distribution of medical supplies in Italy can conveniently be carried on by one organization situated at Naples. The distribution of medical supplies particularly in one areas must of necessity be directed from this HQ in Rome and the Commission could not for operational reasons permit its medical supply branch to be established at Naples.

c. The work of the CCMD and the work of distribution in Italy are essentially different. The former is concerned with the organization of supplies from outside Italy to Naples and its distribution to bases in various countries, e.g. Greece and Jugoslavia. The Commission is concerned with the distribution from the base in Naples to regions and provinces in Italy.

4. If, however, a CCMD is set up by you so that the work of the Commission starts by bids on the warehouse at Naples, it will be possible to effect a reduction in personnel and to release to you such personnel, who are by interest in the problems of medicinal supplies to form a nucleus of the CCMD as a branch of AFHQ; it being understood of course that such personnel would be replaced (except where personnel are on temporary duty with the Commission as indicated below) by non-expert personnel who would be available for work in other fields.

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a. Owing to acute shortage of personnel [illegible] position to undertake any work which does not relate entirely and strictly to the functions of the Commission in Italy.

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3 officers of whom one is on temporary duty subject to recall by NATOUSA.

6 EM/OR of whom four are on temporary duty and are subject to recall by NATOUSA.

This is on the footing that ASC would be able to draw in detail from CCMO at Naples and it would not be required to organise a sub-depot there.

5. For your information this would only leave the Commission with the following medical supply personnel:-

3 officers (of whom two are attached to 5 and 8 Army)
2 OR's.

7. In writing the above the Commission has not taken into account the part that may shortly be played by NATOUSA in the distribution of medical supplies, as the Commission has no knowledge of their plans.

SIDNEY W. RAINS,
Commodore, USNR.
Acting Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMMISSION
Malaria Control Branch
APO 394

1 October 1944

MEMORANDUM ON MALARIA AND ITS CONTROL IN LIBERATED ITALY, 1 JANUARY - 30 SEPTEMBER, 1944.

PAUL F. RUSSELL, COLONEL M.C.
MALARIOLOGIST, A.C.C.

1. INTRODUCTION:

Official data on malaria incidence and control in Italy during 1944 will not be available for many months and accurate civil statistics probably never can be compiled because of the disruption of war. But it seems logical to gather together in this interim report some of the facts and figures which are at hand, with notes on historical background and epidemiology.

2. HISTORICAL NOTES:

For centuries malaria has thrived on the chaos inherent in war. Unaware of master races, co-prosperity spheres, or the four freedoms, making no distinction between despoiler and liberator or between soldier and civilian, malaria parasites, allied with Anopheles mosquitoes, have carried on an aerial invasive warfare which in the present world conflict has immobilized thousands of soldiers and has greatly heightened the incidence of fever among civilians in many countries.

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"Those from whom Rome was unable to defend herself,
Were dispersed by the air,
At whose breath the German youth fell".

At that time, and until the latter part of the XIXth Century malaria was thought to be caused by bad air arising from marshes. The Italian words mal and aria meaning "bad air" were first used to describe the cause of the so-called Roman or intermittent fevers. Gradually, the words came to be used to name the disease itself. Finally, in 1740, Horace Walpole, writing home from South Italy, put these two Italian words together and was first to use as an English expression the name "malaria".

In 1590, Sixtus V died of malaria following an inspection of the Pontine Marshes which he was attempting to drain. A month later, Urban VII also died of the same disease, probably contracted in the Vatican. Here, too, at the Conclave in 1623, eight cardinals and thirty secretaries caught malaria and died of it. Many others at the Conclave had the disease.

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Quoting Hackett, "The efforts of Caesar and Augustus, of Sixtus V and Pius VI, of Napoleon himself, and of all the engineers from the Risorgimento to the Great War, failed utterly to dislodge malaria from this little region lying about a city which was, in many ways, the center of the world; and what is more remarkable, there is no evidence that Roman authority, technical skill, or financial resources in the slightest degree influenced the imperturbable rhythm of malarial comings and goings".

By the latter part of the Middle Ages, the "Roman Airs" had an evil reputation throughout all Christendom. As Peter Damian wrote:

"Rome, voracious of men, breaks down the strongest human nature,
Rome, hotbed of fevers, is an ample giver of the fruits of death".

In 1712, following the arrival of cinchona bark in Italy, Torti observed that malaria fever could be separated from others by its response to specific treatment. By 1890 the Italians Marchiafava, Celli and Golgi had uncovered many of the secrets of the malaria parasite which had been discovered by Laveran, in Constantine, in 1880. Then, in 1898, Bignami, Bastianelli and Grassi in Rome, were first to prove completely that the human malaria parasite is transmitted by Anopheles mosquitoes. Ross, in India, in 1897 had discovered the parasite in a mosquito and, by demonstrating the cycle of avian malaria in 1898, had clearly pointed the way.

So, at the beginning of the XXth Century, the road had been opened to better malaria control and treatment. This resulted in Italy in a decline in malaria mortality from 710 per million population in 1887 to 57 per million in 1914.

Then came the first World War, and, as invariably happens, malaria made what it could of an opportunity to exploit a disorganized economy. Malaria mortality rates per million in Italy rose to 105 in 1915, 197 in 1916, 237 in 1917, and 324 in 1918. Rates had not been so high since 1901. Following the war, rates fell gradually to 68 by 1926.

In 1924 the Rockefeller Foundation, in collaboration with the Italian Health Department, established a Malaria Experiment Station in Rome and began a demonstration and practical application of scientific principles of malaria control, including and emphasizing an attack on the mosquito vector. As a result, malaria morbidity rates per million dropped from 104 in 1924 to 14 in 1939.

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a. Treatment of malaria carriers
b. Protection from adult mosquitoes
c. Destruction of mosquito larvae
d. Permanent elimination of breeding places
e. Use of naturalistic measures of control.

One of the tragedies of the war has been the systematic destruction by the German Army of the great land reclamation projects or so-called bonifiche of Italy. Not only has this smashing of pumps, blocking and mining canals, and deliberate reverse diversion of sea and river water greatly increased the breeding of Anopheles malaria mosquitoes. It has also driven from their homes thousands of peasants, has flooded thousands of acres of farm land and has set back disastrously the economy of entire provinces. The areas of farm land in

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South Italy flooded by the Germans is estimated at 37,000 hectares or 98,000 acres. This figure includes only the areas South of Rome. It is probable, from the air photos, that the Po delta in the north east has been similarly sabotaged.

This flooding has in no case retarded the movement of Allied troops more than a few hours. However inept the Germans may be in practical psychology they are seldom stupid in the technical details of warfare. The public Health and agricultural aspects of sabotaging Italian bonifiche must have been obvious to German engineers and medical entomologists who are known to have prowled about the areas in 1943 just prior to the flooding.

This wanton destruction did not hamper Allied transport but it dealt a terrible blow to Italian peasants and it increased the malaria potential enormously. It is no exaggeration to say that in some areas, as in the Agro Romano, the appearance of the countryside when the Germans were driven back, was that of 1600 before the earliest advances in land reclamation had been made.

Fortunately, Italian engineering has been sound. Prompt action, stimulated by ACC, as noted below, has and will result in considerable salvage. But complete recovery must await pumps not now available in Italy. It will then take some years for the land to sweeten again.

While flooded bonifiche have constituted an important factor in the greatly increased malaria potential in Italy in 1944, there have been several other reasons why this disease presented a serious hazard to Allied Forces. Breeding places for malaria mosquitoes have been created where canals or rivers have been blocked by the debris of wrecked bridges, by hastily built causeways without culverts, or by destruction of embankments. Bomb and shell craters are numerous in some areas. Moreover, at a time of greater need for mosquito control under these conditions there has been a disruption of the normal control organization and a dearth of all essential supplies and equipment for civilian use.

The civil population has been more exposed to infection by destruction of window and door screens, demolition of homes, mass evacuation, and by flight into open country to escape combat danger. This increased exposure has been coincidental with greatly reduced medical personnel, dispensary facilities, and anti-malarial drugs. Refugees and Italian soldiers, many of them malaria carriers, have returned to certain areas where they have constituted foci of infection.

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In other words, all the epidemiological factors which go to create malaria among a population have been intensified in 1944. Here in Italy was a situation which if not properly handled might well have resulted in widespread epidemic malaria with many deaths and with disastrous loss of fighting strength within the Allied forces. Fortunately, neither unhappy result has occurred.

3. CHRONOLOGY:

It is useful to keep in mind the following dates in connection with the malaria control program of ACC.

September, 1943 - Salerno landings on the 9th. At this time many of the canals of the Salerno and Paestum bonifiche were blocked by bomb, shell, and tank action. There was evidence that many of the canals had been neglected for several years.

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October, 1943 - Naples occupied on the 1st. Volturno River crossed on the 12th. The Licola, Volturno, and Sessa bonifiche were sabotaged during September and early October by destruction of pumps and canal banks, blocking of canals, and diversion of water into low areas.

In the Foggia area there was some damage incidental to fighting but the chief difficulty was that the canals had been neglected for several years.

November, 1943 - During November while fighting was static the systematic destruction of the Pontine Marsh reclamation projects was carried out. Canals were blocked, water diverted into low areas. Pumps were mined but not blown until May 1944. They were kept out of operation, however, so that the winter rains produced very extensive flooding.

January, 1944 - Anzio beachhead established on the 22nd. Extensive mosquito control measures carried out by the Army in the beachhead area from time of occupation until June.

May, 1944 - Minturno push started on 11th. Cassino captured on 18th, Anzio beachhead broke through at Cisterna on 25th. The Germans blow up the pontine pumps before leaving the area.

June, 1944 - Rome captured on the 4th. The Agro Romano pumps were blown in late May or early June as the Germans left. But the Agro Romano area had been allowed to flood from early in the year. In Maccarese, water from the Tiber had been diverted into low areas.

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b. Malaria Mosquitoes: Although there are several anopheles in Sicily, only one is an important carrier of malaria. This one is named Anopheles labranchiae labranchiae Falleroni, 1926. It is one of several morphologically similar species which comprise the so-called maculipennis complex. These species can be differentiated by characteristic egg patterns, but not by larval or adult anatomical features.

Labranchiae is found in its aquatic stages chiefly in small indentations and pools of rivers, streams, canals, and irrigation channels,

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not often above an elevation of 2000 feet. It is also taken in ponds, marshes and shallow agricultural wells, or water points. It will tolerate brackish water with salt content up to about 1.5 percent. This mosquito in some situations will travel from a breeding place as far distant as two miles, in numbers sufficient to propagate malaria. Labranchiae adults habitually rest in houses, huts, animal sheds, and outbuildings in the day-time, feeding almost exclusively after sunset and having a strong preference for human blood.

Labranchiae is also the chief anopheline in Sardinia where its habits resemble those in Sicily.

In Italy itself there are several malaria vectors. South of Naples, both east and west, the chief vector is Anopheles sacharovi, Favr. 1903, assisted in the southeast by Anopheles superpictus Grassi, 1899. North of Naples, in the west, labranchiae is the carrier, while sacharovi extends up the east coast, with labranchiae assisting. In the Delta Region of the river Po, sacharovi is assisted by Anopheles labranchiae atroparvus van Thiel, 1927, another member of the maculipennis complex and closely similar to labranchiae labranchiae.

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c. Malaria parasites. The following statements represent a consensus of opinion.

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d) There is usually a seasonal swing, with P. vivax most prominent in spring and early summer, while P. falciparum takes the lead in late summer and autumn.

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e) Mixed infections are fairly common.

f) The majority of relapses are due to P. vivax.

g) Some strains of P. falciparum in Italy are more virulent than average.

d. Malaria cycle: Under usual summer conditions malaria mosquitoes in Italy will develop through egg, larva, and pupa stages in 10 - 12 days. Adult females will feed the second or third night after emergence. If a mosquito ingests suitable gametocytes these will undergo development and become infective sporozoites in about 12 days. Of course, temperature and species as well as other factors will modify these periods. When an individual is infected with sporozoites, he will usually develop clinical malaria in about 14 days, depending on species of plasmodia. The minimum incubation period for vivax is 8 days and the maximum for malariae may exceed a month. Under suppressive medication the onset of symptoms may be postponed until some weeks or even months after the drug has been withheld.

These figures are averages, but it is apparent that the first new infections each season will appear clinically not sooner than 5 to 6 weeks after the vector mosquito begins actively to oviposit. As the weather becomes warmer, the cycle becomes shorter, but probably in this theater it is rarely less than 30 days. With each cycle the numbers of gametocyte carriers increase and a seasonal epidemic takes shape. It is important to remember these time relationships and to realize, for example, that the mosquito breeding observed in an area may be reflected clinically in malaria the next month.

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Civilian Control Unit

Malaria Engineer	-	T.P. Anderson, Major, Sn C.
Medical Officer	-	V.F. Tuzio, Capt. M.C.
Entomologist	-	M.A. Manzelli, Capt. Sn C.
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Consultant	-	Doctor A. Corradetti (Inst. Hygiene, Rome)
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Demonstration Unit

Director	-	Dr. F.W. Soper	(The Rockefeller Foundation)
Chief Malariologist	-	Dr. H.A. Kumm	" " "
Entomologist	-	Dr. L.A. Richl	" " "
Malaria Engineer	-	Dr. F.W. Knipe	" " "
Executive Officer	-	R.W. Henley, 1st Lt. Inf.	
Chief Inspector	-	Dr. Guido Cosimi	
Medical Officer	-	Dr. G. Cipolat	
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Also 1 interpreter, 6 clerks, 1 draughtsman, 4 drivers, 2 field inspectors and 2 laborers. The Institute of Hygiene in Rome generously furnished laboratory and office space for the Demonstration Unit.

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c. Civil:

Each Province in Italy in peace time has had a Health Officer (Medico Provinciale) appointed by the Minister of the Interior and approved by the Prefect. In provinces where malaria is a problem there has usually been a Malaria Control Committee (Comitato Provinciale Antimalarico) to plan and direct the provincial control program, including the operation of malaria dispensaries. This Committee, generally headed by the provincial health officer, has included the provincial public works engineer (Genio Civile) the provincial malariologist, and frequently the provincial inspector of state railways.

Malarious provinces have generally had malaria dispensaries, and local control stations with budgets and plans for canal maintenance, use of Paris green larvicide, distribution of prophylactic and therapeutic anti-

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malarial drugs, a certain amount of spleen and parasite survey work, with some courses of instruction for anti-malaria workers.

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Regional Public Health Officers, ACC have devoted a great deal of attention to the problem of rehabilitating and restaffing the malaria control organization which had disintegrated in many provinces. By 1st September each malarious province in liberated Italy had a reasonably good control organization in operation.

6. ALLIED MILITARY MALARIA CONTROL:

The malaria control program of the Allied Forces in Italy in 1944 has been extensive and very successful. Not only has it kept military rates low but it has also benefited many civilian communities.

Active, continuous, and full co-operation has been maintained between the malaria officers of ACC and those of such military echelons as AFHQ, MAI, AAF, RAF, USN, 5th and 8th Armies, SOS, PBS, IBS, RAAC, Districts and Areas, CEF, and the Italian cobelligerant Army.

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Pound Totals	195,988	282,975	478,963

Note: (Areas north of Grosseto Province not included).

The bulk of these monies have been and are being spent under the supervision of Public Health or Public Utility officers of ACC, Headquarters or Regional.

8. SUPPLIES:

a. Antimalarial Drugs:

In order that no civilians in liberated Italy suffering from malaria in 1944 should remain untreated for lack of specific remedies, the

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Medical Supply Branch in cooperation with the Malaria Control Branch, ACC, before the onset of the malaria season, made available from the USA some 11,000,000 tablets of atabrine (0.1 gram) and 125,000 ampules of quinine (for intravenous use in comatose cases). This supply has been augmented by captured drugs and a moderate amount of quinine and Italchina remaining to local authorities from 1943, so that there is an abundant reserve. Prompt distribution of adequate supplies has been made by ACC to every provincial capital in Allied hands.

b. Larvicidal Oil:

At the beginning of the 1944 season Paris green was not available through ACC for civilian use. It was essential that all AFH stocks of this item be held for the Allied forces in view of the very high malaria potential which existed. Therefore, arrangements were made before the onset of the anopheline breeding season for the distribution of anti-mosquito oil through the agency of the Comitato Italiano Petroli. The following allotments were made available from 1 April.

Region	I	10,000	gals monthly
"	II	8,652	" "
"	III	25,704	" "
"	V	10,000	" "
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	TOTAL	60,320	gals monthly.

Region VI had reserve stocks of paris green remaining from 1943 and also required some oil from other sources. Other regions had not been occupied.

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c. Paris Green:

By the first of June it was possible, through the recommendation of the DMS and ADH AAI, to obtain from AAI British stocks, 10 tons of Paris green for use by civilian agencies in the vicinity of military installations. Again in July and in August the same amount was made available so that all together 30 tons of Paris green have been distributed by the Malarid Control Branch to the several regions. (I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX and Rome). This supply made available by AAI, has been of immense help to civilian agencies who were equipped, by past experience and with apparatus,

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There were 15 tons of Paris green held in Rome by the Institute of Hygiene for 1944 distribution. An additional 10 tons of captured German Paris green was found in Rome, making a total of 55 tons available for civilian use in 1944.

d. Miscellaneous:

Other material distributed through the Malaria Control Branch included 400 sets of repaired uniforms and 3000 pairs of repaired Army shoes (obtained from Economic and Supply Branch, Region III, ACC) for regional malaria control laborers; 1000 picks and 1000 shovels (from AAI) for use in canal clearance; 560 insecticide spray guns (purchased locally).

By arrangement with CIP a small stock of Italian grown pyrethrum flowers was processed into a kerosene-pyrethrum spray for use against adult mosquitoes. More than 30,000 liters had been distributed by the end of September. Organized spraying programs were being carried

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out in a few towns in Regions IV and VIII, under the RFHO's.

In cooperation with the Industry Sub-Commission ACC, the Malaria Control Branch made arrangements for the manufacture of 10,000 spray guns of an improved pattern, developed by the Demonstration Unit.

It is a fair statement that in spite of very great difficulties inherent in malaria control in a country devasted and defeated in a total war there have been distributed anti-malaria supplies adequate to carry out a comprehensive and successful civilian malaria control program in that part of Italy in Allied hands at the onset of the 1944 season.

9. LABOR:

The following table gives average numbers of laborers employed by civilian agencies for malaria control in the various regions. Probably an equal number of civilians have been employed for the same purpose by military units.

	Malaria Laborers 1944		
Regions	Number	Regions	Number
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II	455	VII	330
III	1275	VII	103
IV	982	Rome	644
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Flooded land drained	20,000	hectares
Pumps repaired or replaced	15	units
Paris green applied	20	tons
Oil applied	200,000	gals
Atebrine distributed	5,000,000	tablets
Money appropriated	191,383,337	lire

b. Rome Region:

The following table for the Rome Region is a good example of the type of work done by civilian malaria control agencies and is a more accurate report than is available from other regions. (Total areas of Rome Region 180,000 hectares).

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Rome Region Malaria Control

22 June to 1 September 1944

Funds allotted	22,277,283	lire (only partly spent by 1 Sept.)
Laborers (max)	644	
Man hours	159,634	
Canals cleared	98,850	linear meters
Flooded land drained	4,850	hectares
Bridge debris cleared	22,126	cu meters
Paris green applied	1,435	kg.
Oil Applied	1,496	cu meters
Civilian apartments or room sprayed with DDT	5,500	
" " sprayed weekly with pyrethrum.	200	
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Pumps repaired	1,829	hours
Pumps operated	650	
Craters filled	299,363	tablets
Atabrine distributed		

This Rome Region program was under the immediate supervision of Maj. Anderson of the Malaria Control Branch, ACC at the request of and in cooperation with the RPHC. The use of insecticides was supervised by Dr. Kumm of the Demonstration Unit.

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Money allotted to canal clearance	43,000,000	lire
Antimalarials received by the Province:		
Quinine sulfate	18.6	kg.
Quinine bichloride	1.8	kg.
Atabrine tablets	1,805,270	
Plasmochine tablets	25,790	

11. BULLETINS:

Several technical bulletins have been prepared and issued by the Malaria Control Branch ACC as follows:

T.B. No. 1 - A Note on the Epidemiology of Malaria in Italy (English)

T.B. No. 2 - Larvicidal Oiling (English and Italian)

T.B. No. 3 - Hand-Killing Adult Mosquitoes (English and Italian)

T.B. No. 4 - Note on the Treatment of Malaria with Atabrine/Mepacrine (English and Italian)

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T.B. No. 5 - Anopheles Control by Field Mixing and Hand-casting Paris Green (English and Italian)

T.B. No. 6 - Phlebotomus Fever (English).

DDT Bull. No. 1 - Airplane Spreading of DDT

DDT Bull. No. 2 - Use of DDT as a Spray (Dust and Liquid)in Dwellings.

12. DEMONSTRATION UNIT:

A separate report will be prepared for the Demonstration Unit. It may be noted here that the special program of this unit set up at the request of AFHQ, has been:

a. Development of airplane spraying with DDT in diesel oil and fuel oil.

b. Development of methods of spraying dwellings to attack adult mosquitoes and flies.

c. Development of special spraying apparatus for the effective application of DDT in oil.

d. Evaluation of hand-casting and knapsack dusting with DDT powder for larviciding purposes.

All that may be said here is that the Allied Forces have been able to make practical use of several of the methods suggested by the Demonstration Unit.

13. RESULTS:

This is an interim report in which it is not possible to present final results as measured by malaria incidence figures. These will not be available for many months, and then only in part, because of the confusion of war. But it is possible at this date to make some general statements to supplement data on work accomplished, as shown above.

In broad outline, it is an outstanding fact that the Allied malaria control program in Italy in 1944 has effectively kept this disease in check throughout the liberated provinces and the armed forces in spite of a very high malaria epidemic potential, a disorganized public health service, and a serious lack of transport and supplies, in a country defeated and disrupted in a total war.

The following meager statistics are all that are available:

Region I - Population 4,600,073 Malaria cases reported in 1944 up to 31 August ----------2171

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All that may be said here is that the Allied Forces have been able to make practical use of several of the methods suggested by the Demonstration Unit.

13. RESULTS:

This is an interim report in which it is not possible to present final results as measured by malaria incidence figures. These will not be available for many months, and then only in part, because of the confusion of war. But it is possible at this date to make some general statements to supplement data on work accomplished, as shown above.

In broad outline, it is an outstanding fact that the Allied malaria control program in Italy in 1944 has effectively kept this disease in check throughout the liberated provinces and the armed forces in spite of a very high malaria epidemic potential, a disorganized public health service, and a serious lack of transport and supplies, in a country defeated and disrupted in a total war.

The following meager statistics are all that are available:

Region I - Population 4,000,078 Malaria cases reported in 1944 up to 31 August ----------2171

Region II - Population 3,180,284 Malaria cases reported in 1944 up to 31 August ---------- 493

Region IV, Litteria Province (Population 245,000) Malaria cases reported in 1944 up to 31 August ----- 20,749

Only 1 malaria death reported.

Region VI - Cases reported in Sardinia (Population 1,034,306):

Jan - July, inclusive - 1943 - 4065
1944 - 1852.

The reports of the RPHOs have been searched and they are notable for the brevity of references to malaria. Obviously, the presence

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of devastating epidemics would have been reported. So too, the Italian press has rarely referred to malaria during July and August, the peak of the season. The few references noted have been to the Pontine marsh area. The 1944 malaria season has been so quiet that it has not aroused comment. To those who have had experience of serious epidemics of malaria this fact is very significant.

In other words, although the usual seasonal rise in the incidence of malaria has taken place in the usual places at the usual time, yet the greatly increased malaria epidemic potential has been so checked that there have been no fulminant outbreaks behind the lines. Civilian reconstruction and rehabilitation activities have not been deterred and the war effort has not been delayed by malaria. Indeed, already there has been lay comment to the effect that Italy has not proved to be a very malarious place, after all. To those few specialists who know the disease and its local possibilities, this is high praise for the effectiveness of the control program.

It is a fact, that in spite of the chaos of total war, in spite of everything the Germans could do to intensify the malaria potential, malaria in its classical home in Italy during the 1944 season has been so well controlled by military and civilian agencies that it has not been a deterring factor either in or behind the combat area.

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IV	1,810,426	Littoria, Frosinone, Roma, Rieti, Viterbo, Terni, Perugia Provinces.
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VII	1,777,651	Reggio Calabria, Catanzaro, Cosenza Provinces.
VIII	2,974,439	Grossoto, Siena, Livorno, Pisa, Firenze, Arezzo, Lucca, Pistoia, Massa Provinces.
IX	3,339,058	Emilia Compartiment
X	4,973,049	Liguria and piemonte compartiments
XI	5,836,342	Lombardia Compartiment
XII	5,934,092	Venezia Trid., veneto, and Venezia Giulia and zara compartments
Rome	1,562,580	Rome Governatorate

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ABBREVIATIONS USED

AAF	U.S. Army Air Forces component of NATOUSA.
AAI	Allied Armies in Italy. This is the next lower echelon under AFHQ and has both U.S. and British components.
ACC	Allied Control Commission in Italy.
ADH	Assistant Director of Hygiene.
ADV	Advance.
AFHQ	Allied Forces Headquarters - Mediterranean Theater.
AMG	Allied Military Government - a separate organization prior to 10 November 1943, but thereafter a division of ACC.
CEF	French Expeditionary Corps, component of AAI ("Corps Expeditionaire Francais").
CIP	Comitato Italiano Petroli.
DDT	Dichloro-diphenyl-trichlorethane, a new insecticide.
DMS	Director Medical Services.
HQ	Headquarters.
IBS	Island (Sicily) Base Section, U.S. Army component of SOS.
MC	Medical Corps, U.S. Army.
NATOUSA	North Africa Theater of Operations, U.S. Army. This is the entire U.S. Army component in the Mediterranean Theater.
PBS	Peninsular Base Section, U.S. Army component of SOS.
RAAC	Rome Area Allied Command, a component of AAI.
RAF	Royal Air Forces, component of AFHQ.
RPHO	Regional Public Health Officer, ACC.

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SOS	U.S. Army Service Forces, a component of NATOUSA ("Services of Supply")
SN. C.	Sanitary Corps, U.S. Army.
USN	U.S. Navy, component of AFHQ.
Districts and Areas	Service components of the British Army under AAI.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Acting Chief Commissioner
APO 394

EWS/hjp

28 September 1944

A/CC 720

SUBJECT: Newspaper article giving certain medical statistics for Rome

TO : Colonel Lewin-Harris, G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters

Attached is copy of newspaper article in question which appeared in the New York "Times" on 5 September 1944.

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Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

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"New York Times", 5 September 1944

O'DWYER RETURNING TO ASK AID F ITALY

Brings Report to Roosevelt on Alarming Mortality and Food Shortage Conditions

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Highest Rate is in the First Year ---
Tuberculosis Victims Reach 200 per 1,000

By Herbert L. Matthews
By Wireless to the New York Times.

ROME, Sept. 4 -- The situation in Italy with regard to food, public health and mortality has become so alarming that Brig. Gen. William V. O'Dwyer, Chief of the Allied Control Commission's economic section, left Rome today on a dash back to Washington to place facts and figures before President Roosevelt.

Both he and other high officials here feel that not only humanitarian considerations of first rate importance are involved but that the whole test of whether we can give an example in Italy of the American way of life is in jeopardy.

The figures are so terrifying that they can be allowed to speak for themselves. It should be kept in mind that the Allies armies began the conquest of Italy on Sept. 3, 1943, and entered Rome on June 4, 1944.

The infant mortality rate for Italy for children in their first year per 1,000 for live births in the years 1931 to 1935 average 104.7. From 1936 to 1940 it was 102.8. The figures for Rome alone (it is naturally impossible to get all-Italy figures now) for June, 1943, was 267 per 1,000 and for June 1944, 393; for July 1943, 269 and for July, 1944, 436.

POLETTI ALLOCATES MILK

So alarming was this situation that the office of Col. Charles Poletti Allied Military Government Chief of the Rome area, has arranged to allocate milk destined for children between the ages 1 to 5 years to babies under 1 year, which has brought the latter's death rate down but obviously brings up the question what is now going to happen to children between 1 and 5.

The general mortality trend is also upward, figuring from last year to this. For instance, in June 1943, in Rome 1,373 persons died against 2,535 in June, 1944. Similar figures for July are 2,032 and 2,321.

The tuberculosis death rate in Rome from January to July, 1944, was 3,450 as compared with the pre-war rate of 1,200. It is estimated that people are now dying of tuberculosis in Italy at the rate of 200,000 annually as compared with the pre-war rate of 60,000.

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An AMG Rome health officer said about two months ago that the incidence of tuberculosis in Rome was about 200 per 1,000.

Here is the food situation. Before the war the average Italian individual consumed about 2,900 calories daily without alcohol and 3,100 with. During the first eighteen months of war the Italian basic ration in Rome was 1,391 calories daily. During the next twelve months it was 1,129. For nine months before the entry of Allied troops it reached an all-time low of 304.50.

VITAL NEEDS ESTIMATED

Since the Allied occupation a basic ration of 664.77 calories daily has been allowed.

It is estimated that the vital needs of the population are a basic ration of 1,400 calories with available ration foods to bring the daily total up to 2,700.

As things are now it is officially estimated that the average Italian has lost five to ten pounds in weight. In short, it is officially admitted that the Italian diet has caused a general loss of weight in population, an increase in general and infant mortality, an increase in the tubercular rate and a general increase in mortality to all diseases.

If the present basic ration is not increased there is no doubt in the minds of Allied medical and health authorities that existing mortality rates will show a continued increase.

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ACC/3040/PH

30 August 1944

SUBJECT: - Typhus Control Unit.

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TO : - See Distribution Below.

1. Effective 25 August 1944 there is established within the Public Health Branch of this Sub-Commission, the Typhus Control Unit in lieu of the Typhus Control Branch which is discontinued as of this date.

2. Dr. Floyd S. Markham, Rockefeller Foudation, is named Officer in Charge of the Typhus Control Unit.

3. Under the direction of the Chief, Public Health Branch of this Sub-Commission, Dr. Markham will assume responsibility both technical and administrative for all operations of the Typhus Control Unit.

4. Correspondence relative to Typhus Control matters should be addressed to: Officer in Charge, Typhus Control Unit, Public Health Branch, Public Health Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

For Brigadier G. S. PARKINSON:

MARTIN E. GRIFFIN,
Colonel MC,
Acting Deputy Director,
Public Health Sub-Commission ACC.

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SYNOPSIS

Ltr EB/31 27 Aug from Gen O'Dwyer to A/CC

Re increase of bread rations & transportation: agree with you, await statistical check-up.

x-400-1
x-400-2 Propose increase of bread ration in North to equal that of South
Also more trucks

x-720 Mr Churchill's support is encouraging, esp in view of Pub Health SC reports (Reg Comm Conf) that ravages of underfeeding will be serious

Making survey on trucks needed for northern Italy. Position with regards AFHQ requisition of trucks is very confused. Will let you know as soon as I can.

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Captain Stone
You requested this report from Col Upperton

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HQ ACC, APO 394
770 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 22 Aug 1942
By .....

VP, Adm Sec.

The attached outline on the distribution of medical supplies is forwarded for the information of the Acting Chief Commissioner.

It deals with the distribution in the 5 and 8 Army AMG areas and in the Regions, and finally how the drugs should reach the man in the street.

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G. H. Parkinson
Sqn Ldr

G. H. PARKINSON, Brigadier,
Director, Public Health Sub-Commission ACC.

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By Major Wilhelmi
21 August 1944

HQ ACC, APO 394
770 Sec'y Gen.
Rec'd 22 Aug 1944
By ORR

MEDICAL SUPPLIES, Handling and Distribution.

1. Distribution of Medical Supplies are divided into three categories:

a. Spearhead Kits. These are boxes containing sufficient medical supplies of all types, to ensure proper care of 1000 persons for 30 days. Distribution is handled by Medical Officers of AMG attached to the 5th and 8th Armies. Bulk supplies are shipped to a warehouse in the vicinity of each army where the kits are assembled. As troops advance the necessary quantity of kits are placed in each community. As long as the armies have control of any specified territory this distribution continues. At no time has there been any shortage of supply for either army. At present 5th Army has approximately 60 days supply on hand and 8th Army about the same. 8th Army has recently requested an additional supply dump to be set up for them and they have been advised that the supplies are forthcoming as soon as they arrange clearance for rail shipment.

b. AMG and ACC Regional Distribution. When AMG takes over territory, CAD Units are shipped into the territory. One CAD Unit has sufficient supplies for 100,000 persons for 30 days. The region is divided into provinces and distribution is made according to the provincial population. For instance, Bari Province with a population of 1,200,000 received as first shipment from CAD, 24 CAD Units. This was to cover a two months supply. All other provinces have been treated accordingly. Supplies within the province are distributed by any of the following methods:

1. Through recognized Drug wholesaler.
2. Through Medico Provinciale Warehouse.
3. Through new wholesaler authorized by Medico Provinciale.

Regardless of method used, the following regulations prevail:

1. Medico Provinciale is responsible for all distribution within his province.
2. Priority of supply is set down as follows:
   a. Hospitals.
   b. Ambulatories and doctors in communes which do not have hospitals or pharmacies.
   c. Pharmacies.
3. Records are kept of all sales by wholesalers.
4. Distribution must be made geographically according to population.
5. Prices are set for each seller.
6. Wholesaler orders additional supplies monthly. (All requisitions up to and including July 31st have been filled. August and September requisitions have not been filled and are being held pending arrival of supplies from America. These were due June 20th and have not arrived to date.)

c. Distribution in Liberated Italy. Arrangements have been made with the Italian Government whereby when territory is turned over as liberated

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Italy, the government representative takes over all functions of medical supply distribution. Their expressed intention is to retain the working organizations as set up by AMG/ACC and will be mainly concerned with the distribution and policing functions. Supplies are sold to the government in bulk ex CMD and they take over all activities from that point.

2. Summary of Regional Conditions up to July 31 1944.

REGION I: Large quantity of supplies on hand all year. Good distribution. Turned over all supplies in Sicily to liberated Government on June 15. With the exception of a few items short, this Region has sufficient medical supplies for six months. Short items will be shipped upon receipt of consignment by CMD.

REGION II: 100 per cent geographical distribution has been obtained by April 15. Sufficient supplies on hand through month of July.

REGION III: Plentiful supply was always available in Region 3 as CMD depot was located within the Region. However no ceremonial distribution was made in the region until June.

REGION IV: Original supplies were brought into the Region by the SIHQ upon entrance. Additional supplies were packed for the Region at CMD and were available June 25th. Supplies were not shipped into Region until August 6. Reason: no transportation. Region IV did not suffer as plentiful civilian supplies were on hand. Emergency needs such as Insulin, Biologicals, etc. were sent in by special courier. There still exists sufficient civilian local supply to ensure Health care for at least 60 days.

REGION V: Foggia, Campobasso and Chieti provinces have been operating on ACC supply for sixmonths. No shortage of supply has existed up to the end of July. Supplies requisitioned in Region V were shipped to Aquila in August. No supplies have been shipped into Northern provinces as there is known to exist in Ancona and surrounding territory over 600 tons of civilian supplies. This is sufficient to take care of Region V for six months. AAI Hq complicated this possibility by requisitioning the manufacturing plant which was putting out this supply. Manufacturing has ceased temporarily and request has been submitted for the return of the plant. In the meantime distribution is being made of existing manufactured items.

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REGION VI: Supplies were available by February 1st 1944. Distribution not completed until April 10th 1944. Supplies for the month of May did not reach Region VI until middle of June, and June and July supplies were not shipped until August. Shipments were ready on specified shipment dates but could not be shipped on time due to lack of transportation.

REGION VII: Same as Region II.

REGION VIII: This region is still under 5th and 8th Army distribution. Supplies are available within the region for use when they begin to function and further supply is packed awaiting shipment.

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3. Items of interest regarding Medical Supply Distribution and Consumer Reaction.

It should be remembered that in each province the Medico Provinciale and in each Commune the Medico Communale is responsible for the existance of Medical Supply. This office has placed the supply directly within the reach of every person in every commune. If for any reason any person does not think they can obtain medecines the above parties are the ones to give the answers.

The great consumer complaint is not that they cannot get medecines but that they cannot obtain some favourite remedy they have been used to taking. (As ACC is not interested in any person's favourite specialities, no effort is made to quiet this complaint.). Many civilian doctors are trying to demand that we supply favourite remedies they are accustomed to prescribing and even refuse to use American products.

By checking actual complaints of persons stating that they cannot obtain medecines it has been determined that they (1) did not know supplies were available and therefore had not tried to buy them. (2) Were trying to buy some drug from the pharmacy without a prescription (Insulin) that Italian Law specifically states must be sold only on prescription. (3) Being attached to ACC or being acquainted with some officer in ACC they try to get medecines without payment (4) demand medecines which are not on the allowed list and which ACC, for this reason, is not able to deliver.

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SYNOPSIS

Paraphrase of telegram received dated 14 Aug 44. - From Lehman No. 2 for UNRRA for Keeny - .

Responsibility UNRRA for supplies & for health services & for displaced persons in Italy.

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14 Aug 44

A 2156

ACC/3072/13/PH

SUBJECT : Medical Supplies.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner.

18 AUG 1944

Since my 3072/13/PH of 3 Aug, about 270 tons part of the supplies on order for the period 1 Jul-31 Dec have arrived. If it is an overall proportion of the whole order it should be sufficient for about two months. The immediate crisis is over but local shortages may occur until distribution is effected and that depends upon transport.

The situation will be improved as to the future if an application, which I have made to AAI for release of the Angelini Chemical Works at Ancona is succesful. These works are at present in the occupation of Ordnance. Raw material is available, (German in origin) and if they can be got going, it will save future shipping space and provide a local source of supply and put people back to work.

G.R.UPJOHN, Col
A/Head, Admin Sec.

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By ... DRR.

A 2139
13 AUG 1944

3042/2/PH 11 Aug 44.

SUBJECT : Statements in Trend of Correspondents.

TO : Acting Chief Commissioner.

1 With reference to the statements made in Trend of Correspondents' 7 Aug 44.

a I have already directed that an independent enquiry be made by a representative of the Public Health Sub-Commission into the question of medicines and sheets, and you already know the steps taken by the Economic Section with regard to the alleged food situation.

b Allegations have also been made against the Italian Red Cross though they have not yet been published. A joint investigation has been arranged by a member of the Public Health Sub Comsn and a member of the Italian Medical Authorities to enquire into this matter.

2 Reports on the above matters will be sent to you as soon as received.

G.R. UPJOHN Col,
A/Hd Admin Sec.

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9 August 44

Colonel Upjohn:

Would appreciate your suggestions as to what steps we could take to correct the situation.

Stone

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
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ACC/3072/13/PH

3 August 1944

SUBJECT : Medical Supplies.

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Control Commission.

11 AUG 1944

1. The Director of Public Health Sub-Commission informs me that supplies for the period 1 July 1944 to 31 December 1944 have not as yet been received, even in part.

This non receipt of supplies, a partial shipment of which should have arrived in early July will unquestionably result in unfavorable criticism from many sources.

2. The Director of Supply Branch, Public Health Sub-Commission learned, while in Washington, D.C. 6 June to 20 June 1944, that final approving action on this requisition was taken during that period and that first shipments would not be made until about 11 July from the U.S.A. Recent radio from AFHQ indicates first expected shipments medical supplies will be during period 19-28 August.

3. A small reserve has prevented serious shortages to date but the Public Health Sub-Commission cannot assume responsibility for distribution of medical supplies which do not arrive for the maintenance period involved. Even after arrival of these supplies a considerable period must of necessity elapse before they can be delivered to final using destination due to present transportation problems.

/s/ G. R. Upjohn
/t/ G. R. UPJOHN
Colonel,
Acting Head Adm. Sec.

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Public Health Sub-Commission

ACC/3008/PH

4 August 1944

SUBJECT: - Veterinary Branch of the
Public Health Sub-Commission, ACC.

TO : - All Concerned.

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1. For the information of all concerned the Chief of the Veterinary Branch of the Public Health Sub-Commission is Major ROWLAND W. RUSHMORE (A) Vet Corps 0380831.

2. The functions of the Veterinary Branch are:

a. Assist SCAOs and Regional Commissioners of ACC/AMG in the control of infectious diseases of civilian livestock, communicable and non-communicable to man, by giving advice and assistance in:

(1) The production, distribution and use of veterinary biologics.

(2) The development and enforcement of veterinary sanitary police measures.

(3) The procurement of veterinary supplies.

(4) The location and placement of civilian veterinarians.

(5) Meat inspection and the care of slaughterhouses.

b. Assist in coordinating civilian and military veterinary activities.

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Director, Public Health Sub-Commission

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ACC/3090/PH. 5 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Small Pox - Naples and Taranto.

TO : Chief Commissioner, HQ ACC, APO 394.

1. Cases of Small Pox have occurred in both Naples and Taranto. The following is a summary for your information of the position and of the steps taken.

2. NAPLES. 16 cases have been reported of which in 11 cases the diagnosis has been confirmed. 5 suspects cannot be found, over half of these cases have occurred in the Toledo area west of the Via Roma.

Supplies of vaccine have been provided and the Municipal Medical officers have been strengthened by teams lent by the Typhus Control Branch. It has not been possible to trace all contacts. The publication of an order for general vaccination is under consideration.

3. TARANTO. 5 cases have occurred, all are in hospital. 46 contacts have been traced, vaccinated and quarantined. Extra vaccine and medical assistance has been supplied. Mass vaccination is in progress.

4. The Italian Government have issued an order containing modern instructions for control, notification etc, which is applicable to the whole of unoccupied Italy and among other matters provides.

a. for vaccination of Italian nationals employed in contact with Allied forces.

b. for vaccination of children attending primary and secondary schools.

c. for isolation and vaccination of suspects, and

796 d. for voluntary vaccination of others with some degree of propaganda to induce persons to volunteer.

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Ref/237/9/CA. 1. May 1944.

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM)
:
NUMBER 55)

CONTROL OF RABIES

1. This supersedes Executive Memorandum No.3, dated 7 February 1944.

2. There exists on the Italian Mainland a high incidence of Rabies in dogs. The immediate danger to both military and civilian personnel may be serious. The spread of this disease must, therefore, be arrested.

3. The Italian Minister of the Interior has issued an instructive to all Prefetti under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government as in Appendix "A" attached.

4. The Prefetti in AMG Provinces will be instructed to take immediate action regarding this most urgent problem.

5. All communes in AMG territory will be treated as infected areas. Stray dogs will be handled as follows :

(a) All dogs other than those on a leash or with muzzle, found circulating, will be impounded and destroyed.

(b) The provisions of the existing Italian decrees relating to the registration of dogs will be made effective.

(c) Veterinarians will be empowered and instructed to employ dog catchers and provide and supervise a suitable premises for impounding and destroying of dogs.

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M. S. LUSH,
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Executive Commissioner.

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APPENDIX "A".

EXTRACT FROM DECREES DATED 10 MAY 1914.

(Plizio Veterinaria E Vigil anza Zooiatrica (1939) Par.4 Rabies 24)

Art.48 - In every community the following regulations are to be observed:

(a) Dogs must be registered by the owners at the municipal office.

(b) In the streets and in any other public place dogs, when not on a leash, must be muzzled.

(c) Watch dogs can be kept without being muzzled only within the limits of the places which they are to guard, and sheep dogs and hunting dogs, when they are respectively utilized for the guarding of herds and hunting.

Art. 49 - Stray dogs, found without muzzle, must be caught and placed in a proper place of detention. After six days, if their owners have not claimed them, the seized dogs, with the exception of those mentioned in Articles 50 and 53, must be killed or turned over to any scientific institution, which may request them.

Art.50 - Any animal to be found suffering from rabies will be killed immediately and the corpse disposed of in the manner prescribed, skinning being prohibited. The place where the animal was found will be disinfected. All animals, bitten by another animal known or suspected to be suffering from rabies, will be killed or isolated under terms of Art.51. Dogs and cats which have bitten persons will whenever possible, be caught and placed under observation under the supervision of the local authorities, for a period of time required to enable the veterinarian to establish whether or not they are suffering from rabies.

Art.51 - Dogs, cats and other animals suspected of rabies and those bitten by animals suspected of rabies, if they are not killed, must be isolated, in suitable premises, at the owners expense, and kept under observation under the supervision of the veterinarian and the sanitation official. Observation periods must be not less than four months for dogs and cats and two months for bovines, equines, pigs, sheep and goats. During the period of observation equines and bovines may be put to work providing measures are taken to prevent persons from becoming infected. Bovines, equines, pigs, sheep and goats under observation will not be removed without permission which may only be granted where the need is acute. Sanitation authorities will ensure that the prescribed period of observation is undergone.

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Art.52 - When an animal suspected of rabies dies or is killed the prescribed examination will be carried out.

Art.53 - In communes where cases of rabies have been found or where an infected dog has run free the following additional measures must be taken :

(a) During the six weeks following discovery dogs, even if muzzled, cannot circulate unless led on a leash.

(b) Seized dogs will not be returned to their owners unless a favourable result is obtained from the period of observation prescribed in Art.51.

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MEDICAL DIRECTOR CMA MEDICAL MISSION CMA NLAY RPT NLAY REQUESTS IMMEDIATE PERSONNEL CMA SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE FOR TYPHUS CONTROL AMONG CIVILIANS AND NLAY UNITS PD PAREN TO AFHQ ATTENTION SURGEON FROM ACC MAIN SIGNED MACFARLANE PAREN REQUEST IMMEDIATE TRANSMISSION THIS INFORMATION FOX USAFIME WITH SUGGESTION HE CONTACT NIKOLIC CARE OF HQ FORCE TWO SIX SIX REGARDING SITUATION SINCE AREA OUTSIDE JURISDICTION THIS COMMISSION PD TYPHUS CONTROL DIRECTOR THIS COMMISSION FAMILIAR WITH SITUATION AND AVAILABLE CONFERENCE FOX AND OTHERS AT BARI OR ELSEWHERE IF NEEDED

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PSW 653
29 APR 1944

Ref: 226/53/CA. 26th April 1944.

SUBJECT: Medical Stores and Distribution in Sardinia.

TO : Military Government Section,
Allied Force Headquarters.

1. I have delayed replying to your MGS: 014.4-8 of 8 March 1944 until I could extract all the information available.

2. My Executive Commissioner has seen Mr. Goshie who tells him that he had no intention of implying to you that there was anything seriously wrong but he felt that he had to drew your attention to the fact that medical supplies had been landed in Sardinia and had not yet been distributed. He admitted that it would have been far better had he reported the matter directly to this Commission who could have given him information which would have modified his views, and he now regrets that the matter should have assumed such large proportions.

3. However, it is necessary to answer the points raised by him and the implications made by you that the state of affairs is very wrong. First of all I should like to state that the story about the deaths occurring owing to a lack of medical supplies is untrue. In particular the deaths reported from Nula have been carefully investigated and are now reported by the Medico Provinciale to have totalled six, all of whom died from natural physical causes. The Medico Provinciale reports that it is most improbable that the presence or absence of medicines would have effected the result of the illness and that his commune is close to Benetutti where there is a pharmacy which had reasonable supplies of essential medicines.

4. The delay in distribution of stocks of medicines from the "James Randall" was due to the fact that no price list had arrived with the drugs and that the eventual price list was made out in US currency and US weights, dosages were in US terms and some of the drugs were in a form not familiar to Italian doctors. All the necessary conversion tables, translations and instructions to Italian doctors had to be prepared by Capt. Brooke. The Regional Commissioner, who was aware of the delay and approved of it, rightly states that to have made an empirical broadcast distribution of the "James Randall" shipment without tables and price lists would have been quite unjustifiable and would have involved gross inefficiency and wasteful waste of very precious supplies.

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5. The Regional Commissioner considered that distribution should not be made until he had discussed the matter with the Medical officer in charge of Medical Supplies for this Commission. This officer was unfortunately delayed in Tunis until 28th February.

6. That the officer in charge was unaware of the nature of the supplies was due to the fact that no ship's manifest or shipping list was sent with the supplies and that every case had to be opened in order to prepare a detailed inventory.

7. The Medical officer in charge of Medical Supplies for this Commission was in agreement with the Regional Commissioner.

8. I think there was delay in distributing these supplies. It is possible that the supplies could have been distributed to the satisfaction of Mr. Connie and other critics but not necessarily to any great amelioration of the health of the island. Had they been so distributed a scandal would have arisen on the question of finance and undoubtedly a great waste would have occurred.

9. It is very easy on a short visit to pick up criticisms of administration without knowledge of all the facts. It is dangerous to disseminate such criticisms without discovering the facts.

10. I should like you to know that the course taken by Brigadier Dunlop has my approval, that the medical supplies are now being distributed and I should like you to realise the difficulties attendant on the distribution in Italy of unpriced, and to the local population, unknown drugs, without causing loss, waste, and financial difficulties that take many months to overcome.

ERIC MILSON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant General,
Chief Commissioner.

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25 April 1944.

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM)
NUMBER 54)

MALARIA CONTROL.

1. Prevention of Malaria in this theatre is of fundamental importance to Allied Forces. Experiences of 1943 in Sicily and the notorious history of areas now occupied or which lie immediately ahead, indicate clearly that the Armies will sustain serious loss of manpower if malaria is not effectively controlled. All signs point to a season of unusually high density of malaria mosquitoes and of civilian carriers of the parasite - the two main factors in the transmission of malaria.

2. Protection of armed forces from malaria involves both intra and extra-cantonment control programmes. Army regulations, whether British, French, or American, clearly make it the duty of commanding officers of units, great or small, to take adequate steps for protection against malaria. Within and immediately around a military installation malaria prophylaxis is definitely a command function. In many areas there are civil malaria control problems contiguous to military camps. Allied Control Commission will provide as much assistance as possible to all cases where civilian malaria or malariogenic conditions are a menace to Allied military encampments.

3. A Malaria Control Branch has been established in the Public Health Sub-Commission of Allied Control Commission. It has the following functions:

(a) To assist the Army Senior Civil Affairs Officers and Regional Commissioners of Allied Control Commission in restoring and implementing civilian malaria control agencies, and in directing their activities.

(b) To assist in coordinating civil and military malaria control activities.

(c) To carry out essential malaria control field tests in cooperation with the Allied Forces.

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4. The Malaria Control Branch is located in Room 5, Regie Poste Building, Naples. Mail should be addressed to H.Q. Allied Control Commission, Public Health Sub-Commission, Malaria Control Branch, APO 394. The staff of the Branch is as follows :

Chief	Colonel Paul F. Russell, MC.
Medical Officer	Captain V.F. Tuzio, MC.
Malaria Engineer	Captain T.D. Anderson, Sn.C.
Entomologist	1st Lieut. M.A. Manzelli, Sn.C.

5. Direct communication on matters pertaining to malaria control is authorised between the Chief of the Malaria Control Branch, Regional Public Health Officers and Deputy Directors of Public Health, AMG 5th and 8th Armies.

6. Regional and Army Public Health Officers, Allied Control Commission will send to the Chief, Malaria Control Branch, on the first of each month, beginning 1 May 1944, a brief report listing location, type, and budget of local civilian malaria control work in progress, equipment, supply, labor, and transportation conditions, spleen or parasite surveys, malaria incidence figures; and any pertinent comments on the malaria situation. Sketch and spot maps should be included when possible. The first report should list active Comitato Provinciale Antimalarico, giving names and official titles of the members.

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7. In each province where there is a malaria problem there will usually be found a Comitato Provinciale Antimalarico. If this committee has been dispersed, it should be reconstituted as soon as possible. The malaria committee should be advised that, if it has not already done so, it should immediately prepare malaria control plans and budgets along the general lines of preceding years. In Regions I, II, VI and VII these malaria control budgets will be submitted (through High Commissioners Sicily and Sardinia in Regions I and VI respectively) to the finance office of the Provincial Government for approval. Thence the approved budgets should be forwarded to the Minister of the Interior of the Italian Government. When approved by the Minister of the Interior, funds will be remitted to the Provincial Office. In Regions III, IV and V approved budgets will be forwarded from the provincial finance office to the Regional Finance Officer, Allied Control Commission, who, if he approves will establish credits at the provincial Banca d'Italia. Since the malaria season has already begun, prompt consideration will be given to such plans and budget proposals.

8. So far as Allied Control Commission supplies are concerned, malaria control will be based on drainage, maintenance of drainage canals, canalizing of streams, regulation of water, filling, oiling, and the proper treatment of clinical cases. Excepting as civilian supplies are available from last year's stocks, no Paris Green is obtainable by Allied Control Commission for the control of civil malaria. Oil in reasonable amounts is available for larviciding. Sprayers for oil are in limited supply but brush oiling may be substituted for spraying in most cases, if necessary. Considerable ingenuity will be required in regard to transport where motor vehicles are not available on requisition. Full use must be made of mules, horses, donkeys and oxen. In many cases workers will have to walk to and from their work. Where vehicles are available but there is lack of gasoline, applications for gasoline will be favourably considered. Where the work is directly associated with military installations it may be possible to obtain transport assistance from the Commanding Officer.

9. Upon approval of plans and budgets, it is possible to obtain oil from the nearest agency of the Comitato Italiano Petroli on requisitions approved by the Provincial Officer or C.A.O. Transport will have to be provided by the Comitato Provinciale Antimalarico or the local requisitioning agency. The Medical Supply Branch, Allied Control Commission will send to each Regional Headquarters the provincial quota of sprayers. These may be obtained by the local malaria control agency from Regional Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.

10. Quinine is not available to Allied Control Commission for distribution but supplies of atabrine/mepacrine for therapeutic use have been provided. Each Regional Public Health Officer, Allied Control Commission, will requisition from the Medical Supply Branch, Public Health Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission, the amount of atabrine/mepacrine required by his regional provinces. The Supply Branch will send the desired amount to the Regional Headquarters from which

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Due to the inadequate supply, suppressive prophylactic use of atabrine/mepacrine can not be recommended for civilians. Every effort should be made (a) to facilitate distribution of atabrine/mepacrine to civil agencies for treatment of malaria, and (b) to check prophylactic use of atabrine/mepacrine among civilians unless they are engaged in operational war work or have been ordered by military authority to take it. In the latter case atabrine/mepacrine will be supplied from military sources.

11. Finally the importance of malaria control is again stressed. It is a general administrative problem in which every officer in the Region must play his part. Regional Commissioners, Provincial Commissioners, and all Allied Control Commission Health Officers must do everything in their power to stimulate and facilitate civilian malaria control programmes. The highest priority will be given to work in the vicinity of Allied military installations.

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FRANK J. SLAUGHTER
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SUBJECT: Orders

NO	DATE	FROM	TO	REMARKS
	16-4-44	DSG	Col Cripps	Request remarks.
	16.4.44.	Adm. Sec.	D.S.G.	① Have No remarks to make. This is perfectly adequate. ② Does a general order go to Regions? It is important.

FRANK J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, AGD
Deputy Secretary General

R. N. Cripps
C.O. Adm. Sec.

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In reply refer to:
DSG-720

16 April 1944

NEVER SENT * SEE GEN. ORDER #2

SUBJECT: Publication of Orders

TO : Main Headquarters Allied Control Commission

It is requested that a general order in substance as follows be published:

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A
MALARIA CONTROL BRANCH,
PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMMISSION, ACC

1. A Malaria Control Branch of the Public Health Sub-Commission is established as of this date.

2. The Officer Personnel will consist of:

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For the Deputy Chief Commissioner:

FRANK J. SLAUGHTER,
Captain, AGD
Deputy Secretary General

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APO 394

Administrative Section

ACC/3005/1/PH

15 April 1944

SUBJECT: - Establishment of a Malaria Control Branch, Public Health Sub-Commission.

TO : - Deputy Chief Commissioner, Rear Headquarters.

Herewith for approval and signature by the Deputy Chief Commissioner, draft memorandum on establishment of Malaria Control Branch of Public Health Sub-Commission.

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V.P. Admin. Sec.

Incl:
Draft Memorandum dated 12 April 44.

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TO	: CG PBS INFORM DR FRED SOPER ACC		
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEALTH SUB COMMISSION
TYPHUS CONTROL SERVICE

MARCH 22 1944

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SUBJECT: ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION COLLABORATION WITH ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION - TYPHUS AND MALARIA

TO: LIEUTENANT GENERAL NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
CHIEF COMMISSIONER ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

REFERENCE: ACC/3040/ PH
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1. Your suggestion that the Rockefeller Foundation continue its collaboration with the Allied Control Commission in the control of Typhus and undertake the investigation of methods for the control of Malaria meets with my full approval. However, the approval of the General Director of the Rockefeller Foundation Health Commission in New York is necessary before definite commitments can be made.

2. My approval is based on the assumption that the Rockefeller Foundation has available the necessary technical personnel which can be assigned to this area and that the Allied Control Commission will secure authorization for transportation for such technical personnel to come out from the United States.

3. There are now three Foundation staff members here available for continued service; one doctor, one bacteriologist, one entomologist. On the basis of preliminary discussions of the proposed program with the Deputy Director of the Public Health Sub-Commission and with the Director of the Malaria Section of the same Sub-Commission, it seems that provision should be made for an immediate increase of staff by the addition of

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Fred L. Soper
Representative of the
Rockefeller Foundation
Health Commission.

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PROPOSED CABLE MESSAGE FOR
DR. W.A.SAWYER, ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION HEALTH COMMISSION,
49 West 49th Street, NEW YORK CITY.

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24 March 1944

Subject: Typhus Control Service

To: Dr. Fred L. Soper,
Rockefeller Foundation Typhus Control Service,
c/o Allied Control Commission.

1. As cases of typhus in Naples and district are now occurring only sporadically it is considered that it would be opportune for some of the staff to undertake research work with a view to increasing the knowledge of and improving the technique of handling this disease.

2. It is hoped that you will be able to obtain the consent of the Rockefeller Foundation to your remaining in Naples for this purpose.

3. It is considered desirable that investigations should also be undertaken with regard to malaria and its control in which case an increase of your staff may be necessary; if so, will you please let me have your views on that point.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

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Ref: 234/14/CA. 8th March 1944.

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease.

TO : Vice President,
Administrative Section.

1. I attach copies of letters addressed to Chief Administrative Officer, H.Q. A.C.M.F. and Regional Commissioners on the subject of venereal disease.

2. I should be grateful if the strongest representations could be made to the Minister of Interior and the Minister of Justice in order that directions may be given from the Italian Government to give effect to the Italian law on prostitution in the most drastic manner.

3. Our present experience is that the Italian medical authorities play their part well in the prevention of venereal disease but there is no doubt that the law, which is comprehensive is not being effectively administered either by the Carabinieri or the Courts.

4. I would ask that special instructions be given by the Minister of Justice that cases affecting prostitution should be dealt with rapidly and that severe sentences should be imposed.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Regional Control and Military Government Section

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Ref: 234/12/CA.

8th March 1944.

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease.

TO : Chief Administrative Officer,
Headquarters, A.CM.F.

I refer to your ACMF/3073/A(O) dated 1.Mar.44.

1. The Chief Commissioner is most anxious to co-operate in the prevention of veneral disease amongst Allied troops and I am directed by him to say that everything will be done both in areas under Military Government and territory under Italian Government to assist the troops.

2. In the opinion of the Chief Commissioner, the law, both AMG and Italian, is sufficient as it stands. Pimping, procuration, solicitation, are offences under Italian law which are administered by both Italian and Allied Military Courts and the Italian law deals with the matter as comprehensively as possible.

3. The weakness at the present moment lies in the knowledge by Allied Military Police of the offences under Italian law and in the application of that law by the civil police and the courtsof justice. It appears to the Chief Commissioner that in these respects much improvement could be made and it is his intention to issue a directive to Regional Commissioners instructing them in areas under AMG to see that the Allied Military Courts deal severely with all cases affecting the morals of the troops and in the territory under the Italian Government to advise the Italian courts to do the same. A strong representation will also be made to the Minister of Justice in the Italian Government and it is hoped that this will have the desired effect. At the same time the Chief Commissioner feels sure that you will agree that basicly the prevention of venereal disease lies in the degree of discipline amongst the troops themselves.

/s/ M. S. LUSH
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Subject: AMG Penal Code.

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ACMF/3073/A (O)
1 Mar 44

Executive Commissioner,
A.C.C.

1. It is desired to take all possible steps in regard to the prevention of V.D. It is understood that pimping, procuration and soliciting are not at present offences against the AMG penal code.

2. Will you kindly inform this H.Q. whether it would be possible to include these actions as offences by the publication of a further proclamation, prescribing penalties of a suitable severity. It appears that the inclusion of brothel - keeping as an offence would not be practicable.

3. It such precedure is possible in the case of the three actions named, may it be stated in what portion of ITALY the proclamation would have effect.

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Major General.
Chief Administrative Officer

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
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Regional Control and Military Government Section.
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8th March 1944.

Ref: 234/13/CA.

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease.

TO : Regional Commissioners,
Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VIII & IX.
S.C.A.O., AMG, 5 Army.
S.C.A.O., AMG, 8 Army.

1. It is essential that we should, in co-operation with military formations, take all possible steps to prevent the spread of venereal disease amongst Allied troops. While the matter is basicly one of discipline in the units and formations themselves, the authorities who administer the law to the civilian population have a very great responsibility in ensuring that everything is done to reduce prostitution and the evils resulting therefrom.

2. The Italian law with regard to prostitution, procuration, and solicitation, is sufficiently comprehensive and severe to reduce the evil to a minimum provided that the law is properly and firmly administered.

3. It is the duty of Regional Commissioners, whether in AMG or in territory under the Italian Government, to see that the laws against prostitution are administered rigourously and effectively.

4. In order to attain this end Regional Commissioners will see that the full details of the Italian law are brought to the notice of the Military Provost authorities in order that the Military Police may know what is an offence and what is not. Regional Commissioners will also ensure that the Carabinieri enforce the law in co-operation with the Military Police, and finally, they will ensure that Allied Military Courts and Italian Courts deal with such cases severely and rapidly.

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6. Regional Commissioners will be asked from time to time to go beyond the law and to take extraordinary steps such as the interning of clandestine prostitutes, etc., but provided the law is drasticly administered there should be no need to go beyond it.

7. It is of paramount importance that Regional Commissioners should do their utmost to assist the Allied troops in this matter.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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2 March 1944

Dear Count di Frasso:

This is just a line to let you know that I duly received your letter of February 14 and I am working on the question which you raised. I understand that insulin is being sent to Bari but I will find out what the situation is for a nearer supply and will write you further.

Mrs. Stone writes me that she forwarded your letter to your brother but I suppose you know that we have restored international mail service and you can now write him directly in the normal manner. I am asking her to so inform Mr. Taylor.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Deputy Chief Commissioner

Count Carlo Dentice di Frasso
Carovigno, Brindisi

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CONTENTS YOUR PBS 9009 OF 21 FEBRUARY, FARGO 1146 NOTED BUT CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL THAT PARKINSON COMES HERE AS REQUESTED IN LETTER MGS 720 of 19 FEBRUARY BRINGING ALL DATE WITH HIM. CONFIRM AND GIVE ETA.

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

FARGO (Secretary General) DSJJ 135 21 FEBRUARY 1944

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To: AFHQ FOR MCS

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With reference Fargo 814 and Freedom 52979.

Personnel and transport situation typhus control at this date satisfactory. Maintenance of existing personnel and transport absolutely essential for continuance of required services for next 30 days. Can accept no repeat no reduction of present strength, 36 officers, of these 9 are liable to recall at 24 hours notice by their local commanders. No longer press for ten officers requested in 814 dated 7 February. Prepared to review situation on 20 March or after.

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Lord Stansgate has been furnished a copy of this cable

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PANGO (MAJ J.A. LEWIS FOR HEADQTRS SUB-COM) 15 FEBRUARY 1944.

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DESTRO FOR ACC EXERCISE II FOR CAPTAIN CARRIER

Venereal Disease Conference Foggia 1000 hours

17 February. Desired you attend if possible meet Johnson ADC office 0900 hours.

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L.F. HICKEY,
Lt. Col., AGD
Adjutant General

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Washington 25, D. C.

19 MAR 1944

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FM /lq 2E-939 Pentagon.

14 February 1944.

VIA AIR MAIL

SUBJECT: Biological Warfare.

TO : * * * * * *
The Commanding Generals,
Theaters of Operations.
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(Note: "Biological Warfare" may be broadly defined as the employment of bacterial and toxic chemical agents (other than war gases to produce death or disease in man, animal, or plant (i.e. food crop) population.)

1. Due to his steady deterioration, the enemy may in desperation resort to biological warfare. It is therefore imperative that all intelligence officers, medical officers, and others concerned be keenly alert to possible methods of attack, and be able to recognize presumptive evidence of its contemplated, employed, or attempted use, and be in a position to transmit to the proper agency all pertinent information thereon immediately.

2. As a precedent for the employment of biological warfare, the following incidents are noted:

In 1916 a German attempt to propagate glanders and anthrax among livestock in Rumania was foiled by the timely discovery of the bacterial cultures on the premises of the German Legation in Bucharest. In 1917 German agents were apprehended while attempting to disseminate glanders and anthrax among military animals on the western front. During the present war (1941) on the Chinese front, the Japanese attempted to spread bubonic plague by dropping packets of rice and fleas mixed with wisps of cotton rag contaminated with the plague microbe from low-flying aircraft. This attempt was reported partially successful as several cases of this disease followed this effort.

3. Since World War I, a large number of scientific, military, and other writers have pointed out the possibilities and dangers of biological warfare. Conflicting opinions have been expressed as to the feasibility and ultimate value of such methods of attack; however, a survey of pertinent data indicates that the effective dissemination of disease agents in warfare is a distinct possibility. The German and Japanese High Commands have shown a definite interest in biological warfare, and it is believed that they have conducted experiments from an offensive point of view. Neither Germany or Japan will be influenced by humanitarian motives in making their decisions to employ biological warfare.

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4. From the information now available, it appears that two principal types of biological warfare are to be guarded against. One of these is what might be called a mass tactical or external attack, such as the Japanese used in China. The other is sabotage, or attack from within, such as the attempts of the Germans in World War I to spread glanders and anthrax among the horses in France and Rumania. Intelligence officers and others concerned must be alerted for indications of either type of attack.

5. The following could be taken to indicate enemy intentions in this respect and should be watched for carefully:

a. The appearance of specialized troops in strategic areas, such as certain types of chemical and engineer troops trained in biological methods, for otherwise unexplained purposes.

b. Unusual type or amount of special equipment such as delousing units, field laboratories, field autoclaves, decontaminating equipment, new or special type artillery and mortar shells, and bombs.

c. Unusual types of inoculation of enemy personnel (from paybooks, medical records, or blood serum tests, etc.)

d. Transportation or storage of highly classified matter and unusual security precautions in relation to such.

e. New issues or reissues of protective equipment or alteration of such (gas masks, special decontamination clothing).

f. Instruction of line troops in protective attacks against biological warfare.

g. New techniques or equipment for projecting smoke or mists by aircraft or artillery.

6. Since there is a time interval of hours to days between the dissemination of and the manifestations of bacteriological agents, the following acts by the enemy will call for immediate investigation on the part of intelligence officers:

a. Unusual and otherwise unexplained flights of enemy aircraft.

b. Material dropped or sprayed from aircraft such as smoke or mists, flasks or ampules, gelatinous masses, refuse or food particles, parachutes or other containers for animals or insects.

c. Unusual types of bombs or shells, particularly those containing compressed air cylinders or pistons.

7. Saboteurs are most likely to use biological warfare in foods, water supplies, or other beverages. Unusual taste and appearance of these commodities, suspicious actions of individuals handling them, or the sudden reduction or disappearance of the residual chlorine in water supply system may indicate sabotage by biological means.

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8. A successful biological attack, whether made from within or without, can be expected to manifest itself in one of the several ways listed below; security officers and especially medical officers should view these manifestations from the biological warfare aspect.

a. Appearance of a disease in a previously non-infected area which cannot be accounted for by normal means of transmission.

b. Numerous widespread unexplained outbreaks of unusual diseases or unexplained deaths occurring in a given area.

c. Abnormal deaths among the rat population in a given area or a sudden decrease in the number of rats.

In connection with the observations of the manifestations of biological attack listed above, it should be borne in mind that the infectious and toxic agents that appear most likely to be employed have a lag or incubation period between the time of contact and the first appearance of symptoms; this period is never less than a few hours and may extend to many days. This fact may further be utilized by the enemy in endeavor to spread contagion by release of prisoners deliberately infected with communicable disease.

9. It is desired that responsible intelligence officers within the area concerned be thoroughly alerted to the possibilities of biological attack and be instructed to coordinate their activities and cooperate with the appropriate services in the investigation, appraisal, and report of any definite or presumptive evidence of employment by the enemy of biological warfare methods. Whenever physical evidence is found and preliminary investigation warrants laboratory examination to complete the appraisal, the services of the nearest laboratory adequately equipped to conduct the examination should be promptly utilized. On discovery such material should be treated as contaminated.

10. All information or exhibits collected should be promptly reported and sent to the A.C. of S., G-2, War Department General Staff, Washington, D.C.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ J. A. Ulio,
/t/ J. A. ULIO,
Major General,
The Adjutant General.

770 Reproduced Hq. NATOUSA,
2 March 1944.

/s/ R. H. F.
R. H. F.

Reproduced, Hq Peninsular Base Section,
APO 782, 14 March 1944 [illegible].

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FARGO (GEN MACFARLANE C COMM)

7th February, 1944.

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10050 MACFARLANE

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FREEDOM (ACTION) FROM MACFARLANE PERSONAL

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With reference Fargo 667 and Freedom 47149. Agreement reached with Typhus Commission for ACC assume responsibility administration typhus control 20 February 1944 contingent upon provision adequate personnel and transport. Now possible arrange through participating agencies to retain ten (10) of the twenty (20) total medical officers requested previous cable provided your office approves Brigadier General Fox agreement for six (6) Italian speaking medical officers now enroute from U.S. for typhus commission assignment here remain for ACC typhus control assignment as long as needed. This leaves ten (10) medical officers to be procured elsewhere since unable find additional medical personnel here to replace medical personnel withdrawn with typhus commission. These ten replacements needed immediately to understudy personnel being withdrawn 20 February. Believe satisfactory local arrangement can be made for all necessary non-medical administrative personnel. Application being made here for Italian Military Medical Officers to complete typhus control organisation all ACC territory.

Transportation request included the 20 weapons carriers and other vehicles mentioned 769 our cable and now assigned typhus commission hence total my request can be reduced by that number of vehicles if NATOUSA order to PBS as quoted your cable rescinded. EM/OR assigned must be retained or replacements provided. Request immediate action regarding these.

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1 FEBRUARY 1944

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AFHQ (ACTION) FOR MGS, REPTD FLAGO FOR HMTO

In view of the impending withdrawal of United States Typhus Commission and the fact that the epidemic in Naples continues serious and is spreading outside Naples it is essential that the following permanent staff should be provided very urgently in addition to staff available locally. 20 medical officers, 5 sanitation officers, 10 nontechnical administrative officers. 8 of the medical officers should if possible be bilingual. Require also 35 command cars or similar vehicles, 10 Jeeps and 6 ambulances fit for rough work. Maximum use already being made of Italian medical personnel. Personnel now asked for are essential and must be provided before the date when ACC takes over from Typhus Commission. If personnel not available elsewhere hope that Washington and London would provide and have them flown out. Understand that PBS has received instructions from NATOUSA that all transport loaned by them to Typhus Commission must be returned on 10 Feb. If this occurs and I cannot find transport elsewhere work of Typhus Commission will be crippled.

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31st. January, 1944.

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Reference your 42/DCAO of 26th. January.

I confirm that I am taking care of this. I have requested urgently by telegram that the 34 Medical Officers should be made available and that they should be flown out at once as a matter of emergency.

I will let you know at once what reactions I get to my request.

Major-General Sir Brian H. Robertson, Bt.,
Allied Force Headquarters,
Advance Administrative Echelon,
C.M.F..

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PERS. 2

Major General Sir Brian H. Robertson Bt.,
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer,
A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon,
C.M.F.

42/DCAO

26 Jan.'44

My Dear General,

As you know, there is an intentionto withdraw the U.S. Typhus Commission from NAPLES.

At a meeting of the Typhus Control board held on 24 January, the question of the assumption of control by A.MG. was discussed, and it was made clear that A.M.G. are not in a position to take it over at present.

The matter was further investigated by a Sub-Committee consisting of:-

Brigadier Parkinson.
Colonel Cheyne.
Colonel Bishop, and
Colonel Creighton.

This Sub-Committee came to the conclusion that 34 Medical Officers would be necessary for the purpose. I have no doubt that Colonel Creighton can show you a copy of his report on the subject.

The Sub-Committee recommended that urgent representations should be made in Washington and London to find the Medical Officers required. I presume that these representations will be made by you and should be greteful for confirmation of this.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ R. H. Robertson

Lieutenant-General F. N. Mason MacFarlane,
C.B., D.S.O., M.C.,
Deputy President,
Allied Control Commission.

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In view of the impending withdrawal of the United States of America Typhus Commission, the continuing epidemic in Naples City and the spread of Typhus outside Naples, following permanent staff essentially and urgently required to control epidemic in addition to staff available locally - 20 Medical Officers, five Sanitation Officers and 10 non-technical Administrative Officers. Eight of the Medical Officers must be bi-lingual. In addition minimum of 45 first class vehicles consisting of jeeps, command cars and weapon carriers and six ambulances fit for rough work also urgently required. Total staff at present employed on Epidemic consists of 65 Officers and Doctors and 500 Civilians with inadequate transportation which PBS advises will be withdrawn 10th Februery.

Tgm sent to Freedom and Flambo

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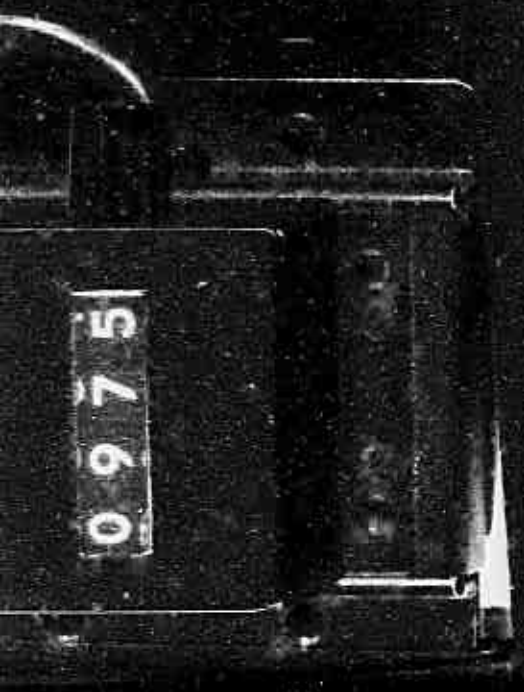
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POLITICS

SERIAL NUMBER	FROM—	DATE	TO—	SYNOPSIS
51)FARGO 1039	Gen MacF	17 Feb	HQ ACMF	Told Bad that future dealings between Army Subcom & It War Office wd not go thru Com.Sup.except on matters of high policy. Badoglio agreed. Move to Salerno 2/21.
52) 171	ACMF	18 Feb	Gen MacF	Cannot accept Crn Prince at ACMF or V Army.
53)FARGO 1074	Capt Collins	18 Feb	AFHQ	Re gag on Executive Junta Manifest
54)FARGO 1112	Reber	19 Feb	FREEDOM	Hash of Exec Junta statements re Crn Prince & King's abdic, etc.
55)Ch of Govt #496/Prot	Badoglio	19 Feb	Gen MacF	Bad wants to send statement of his Govt's stand to Wash & London.
56)ACC/4039/L		19 Feb		Career of Ettore Casati, Minister of Justice.
57) CC/P/78	Gen MacF	20 Feb	Badoglio	Cannot accept Crn Prince at ACMF or 5 Army.
58) CC/P/79	Gen MacF	20 Feb	Col Landers PWB	You must not interfere w/Italian politics.
59) CC/P/81	Gen MacF	20 Feb	Badoglio	Yr s'ment when sent will be sent on to Allied Govts(Refers to 55.
60) 359/ FCA	Gen MacF	20 Feb	Badoglio	Reasons for arrest of Questore of Taranto & conditions covering his release.
61)FARGO 579	Gen MacF	28 Jan	Capt Stone	Re yrs 26 Jan. Have sent shorter of alternative ltrs to Messe,Bari Congr, & PWB, Soldarelli, Solodovnik repat PW Os etc.
62)	Reber	19 Feb	US Member, Advisory Council	Fwdg copies of memo fr Exec Junta on their agreed program.
63)FARGO 1191	Gen MacF	22 Feb	FREEDOM	King infmg Bad of his p'posals to me.also asked me to rec Di Nicola.
64)FARGO 1250	Gen MacF	23 Feb	FREEDOM	Solodovnik saw Caracciola.Latter discontented over Prime Minister's statement.
65)FARGO 1262	Gen MacF	24 Feb	FREEDOM	In view of Prime Ministers statemer no publicity to be given to attacks against King, CP, members of Govt.
66)FARGO 1291	Gen MacF	24 Feb	FREEDOM	Reports on De Nicola interview stating King's plans.

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