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Subject:- Certificates to Refugees in Transit.

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O.C., R.F.S. AMG,
15th Army Group.

Reference your letter of 21 Dec 43, the Italian legal Authorities have been consulted and it was found that the following information is required for a report on deaths :

- (a) Name, age, Nationality, Birthplace, Residence and occupation of deceased.
- (b) Name of spouse, if married or widowed.
- (c) Name, residence and occupation of Father and Mother of deceased and of Person making the Report.
- (d) Place, Date and Hour of Death.
- (e) Cause of Death.

2. Needless to say, much of the information called for will be unobtainable in some cases, but the form you prepare should call for all of it so that where possible it will be given. The names and other information about the spouse, father and mother, are usually essential for proper identification, for so many Italians have the same name.

3. The attached forms, used by the Italian Authorities, are forwarded for your guidance in drafting your certificate. It is suggested that when a death occurs among the refugees a copy of the completed AMG certificate should be sent to the local Ufficio dello Stato Civile, either by the Refugee Officer or by placed Persons.

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Chief Legal Officer.

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Ref 503

A.M.G. H.Q.
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21 Dec. 43.

SUBJECT: Casualties to refugees in transit.

(1) When as the results of accidents, injuries or sickness, refugees die while in transit on military or civilian transport or at staging points, it will be necessary in many cases to substitute for the normal procedure of certification, some expeditious system of registration which will save the purposes of the regular procedure in all the legal business where certification is required.

(2) I suggest a simple casualty return form of which one copy be handed to the apparent next of kin present, if any, one copy to be sent to displaced persons and one copy filed.

(3) I will have such a form printed and distributed to the officers concerned on my staff, if you will let me know what particulars it is considered necessary to record after consultation with the Italian legal departments. I need hardly add that the circumstances will usually be such as to make it essential that these particulars be kept to a minimum.

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21 Dec/43

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