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HEADQUARTERS

REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

APO 394, U.S. ARMY

22 January 1944

AG 720 PS

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease.

TO : 15 Army Group, C.M.F.

Reference is made to letter AMG/426/12 dated 27 December 1943.

1. Active steps have been taken to combat the incidence of VD by the establishment of MP Vice Squads in Naples City. They, in addition to the CC.RR, have been active in the apprehension of prostitutes and male procurers (pimps).

2. Conferences have been held with the M.Os of AF GQ, PBS, 57 Area and AMG, also the Provost branches, to declare a policy in further combatting the menace.

The hospital situation was that the accomodation for female treatment was somewhat restricted, but has now been improved by the provision of more beds.

3. Any female offender, or one suspected of prostitution is taken to the police station and medically examined, and if found diseased, is detained in hospital until she is cleansed, thereafter being liberated unless a charge has been preferred.

4. This area was definitely infected at the time of the entry of troops, and it is assumed that some "clean" women were infected by the intake of troops from other theatres.

5. The British troops were forbidden to go to brothels while certain houses were approved on the American side, but all houses were placed "Off Limits" or "Out of Bounds" to all troops on 1 January 1944. It is assumed that despite prophylactic stations troops contracted the disease chiefly through clandestine prostitution.

6. A meeting is being held with the Military Police with a view to zoning certain seamy sections of Naples City and placing them "Out of Bounds".

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7. (a) No of Registered Brothels - - - - - 38
 (b) No of Prostitutes - - - - - 214
 (c) No of unregistered brothels closed - - - - - 4
 (d) No of unregistered prostitutes arrested or otherwise dealt with - - - - - 1868
 (e) No of women medically examined or otherwise dealt with - - - - - 326
 (f) Action taken as at (e). See para 3.
 (g) Co-operation of Questore and Agenti PS is to close houses not properly conducted and suppress by apprehension any offenders. Many women have left licensed houses to make more money on the streets, thereby evading sanitary conditions and medical examination.
 (h) Joint patrols of MPs and CC.RR and Agents.
 (j) Alternate days, with the exception of Avellino where the examination is held weekly.
 (k) Conducting infected soldiers to house, which was not always successful due to inebriation of victim or failure to locate area.

Douglas N. Batson
 DOUGLAS N. BATSON.
 1st Lt., CMP.,
 Actg Asst Adjutant General.

WD/jb
 P.S.D.

Copy to:- Public Health and Welfare Division.

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SUBJECT: Venereal Disease

24 JAN 1944

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A.G. H.Q. Eighth Army

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A.G.H.Q. 15 Army Group

20 January 1944.

1. With reference to your AMG 426/12 of 27 Dec.44 the following are answers to the questionnaire:-

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- (d) 75. (30 Campobasso Province, 43 Chieti Province)
- (e) 42. (22 Campobasso Province, 20 Chieti Province)
- (f) Treatment at Hospital or in prison; those from Chieti Province have been sent to Bari
- (g) Fully co-operative
- (h) Coordinating closely in all measures taken
- (j) Twice weekly
- (k) Vigorous coordinated and generally effective measures are taken

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3. In a number of cases information was obtained so quickly through these sources that unlicensed women, though undoubtedly practising prostitution had not then become diseased.

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 for Group Captain,
 Officer Commanding,
 AIG. H.Q. Eighth Army Main.

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FIFTH ARMY
APO 464, U.S. ARMY

19 January 1944

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease.

TO : Public Safety Division, AMG, HQAFI.

1. In reply to 15th Army Group memorandum dated 27th December 1943 the following information is supplied in respect of the Corps area of the Fifth Army for the period up to 15th Jan. 1944.

	Corps		
	II	VI	X
a) Number of registered brothels	-	-	1
b) " " " prostitutes	-	unknown	
c) " " unregistered brothels closed	-	-	-
d) " " " prostitutes arrested	11	2	8
e) " " women examined and found diseased	11	2	5
f) Action taken with regard to these women	Detained for medical treatment		
g) Good co-operation is received from the Questore and CC.RR.			
h) The work is being carried out in conjunction with Military Police.			
i) Weekly inspections of prostitutes by competent doctors are being arranged.			
j) Soldiers who have contracted venereal disease are questioned to ascertain the source and step are taken to trace the women concerned and have them examined.			

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2) In conjunction with Military Police action is being taken:

- i. To restrict the hours of drinking by troops
- ii. To prohibit the illicit sale of wine
- iii. To place brothels off limits.

3) It is suggested that unit commanders not only give warnings against the danger of venereal disease but that more recreational activities be arranged - entertainment and sport.

A.F. Wilcox

A.F. WILCOX
Major, G.L.,
Director of Public Safety.

AFW/tp.

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Extract from Inspection Report by
Lt Col Martin 4-5 Jan 40

Suppression of V.D. presents difficulties. S.O.A.O. issued
Order making it an offence to impart V.D. to members of Allied Forces.
Order declared ultra vires by region but removal of notices left to
weather. Informed S.O.A.O. that our S.O.A.O. is considering some
similar order.

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AMG REGION IV ADVANCED
c/o HQ. AMG 15 ARMY GROUP

TO : HQ. AMG 15 Army Group
FROM : HQ. Region IV AMG, Advanced
SUBJECT: Venereal Disease
REF : T/266/FOGE
DATE : 31 December 43

1 JAN 1944

1. Reference letter AMG/426/12, 27 Dec 43, from HQ. AMG 15 Army Group. Information, as requested, is submitted herewith on the above subject, as regards Foggia Province.
2. There are no registered brothels or registered prostitutes in the area.
3. Whenever women are discovered who are suspected of soliciting business, they are arrested by the Police, medically examined, and, if infected, segregated for treatment. Italian medical officers are available but are badly handicapped due to lack of laboratory facilities. Steps are being taken to remedy this situation.
4. "Pimps" are not operating in the area and the Police under the supervision of AMG are constantly on the alert to stop any such action. Severe penalties and wide publicity thereto will be given if an attempt is made to commence such operations.
5. A Garrison Order prohibits troops buying wine in bottles and vendors are prohibited from selling in this manner. Hours of purchase at approved shops only are 1530 - 1500 hrs and 1730 - 1900 hrs. Gift of wine is not a problem in this area.
6. Prophylactic treatment is available for army personnel, and plans are complete for the immediate opening of a prophylactic station at Foggia for civilians.
7. Full cooperation is being given to Welfare Officers in the promotion of welfare activities.
8. The fullest cooperation and understanding exists between Police, Army, Welfare and Health and Legal authorities in Foggia Province.
9. During the last 6 weeks only 8 cases of venereal disease have been reported to the Foggia Garrison V.D. Clinic. These cases have been followed up.

JOHN OLIVER HALL,
Major, F.S.
For A.C.M.C., Reg. IV

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SUBJECT: Venereal Disease

TO: HQ, AMG, 15 Army Group, CMF 426
FROM: AMG, Foggia Province

FP/5010
26 Dec 1943

Reference your memo AMG/511/11 dated 15 December 1943

1. The situation in Foggia is that all brothels are closed. This position has given rise to some clandestine prostitution.

2. Composite patrols consisting of American and British Police and CC RR operate daily in the former brothel area and any women found soliciting are taken by the Italian police for medical examination by Dr Cosimo Molinero, 20 via Pietro Serocco. About half a dozen women were found to be suffering from venereal disease and sent to hospital for treatment. One woman, QUORATO Concetta, 21 via Saseo, was arrested on 2/11/43, examined by Dr Molinero and declared free from disease. On 14/11/43 she was again arrested and found to be infected. She was sent with another woman, named CAPOSANA, to Bari for treatment.

3. S.I.B. C.M.P. have been cooperative and active. The American police are now operating with CC RR as very few British military police remain in the town. There has been a general tightening up of prophylactic treatment for troops.

4. There are 18 known prostitutes in Foggia Town, and the numbers are correspondingly low in other towns.

5. A conference to deal with the subject was held in this province, which all interested parties attended. Col. Cheyne was in the chair.

6. Wine may not be sold to troops in bottles and the sale can only take place at approved bars. Hours of sale are 1330 hours to 1500 hours and 1730 hours to 1900 hours (vide orders dated 9/12/43).

7. Amusement for troops is not good in Foggia Province but the opening of cinemas will greatly assist.

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8. Drunkenness is not a serious problem in the province and the incidence of venereal disease is, perhaps luckily, low in the area. Strict control of curfew may be a contributory cause. The question of the "pimp" is not one affecting Foggia Province.

W. H. H. P.
Lt. Colonel.
SCAF Foggia Province.

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SUBJECT: GENERAL DISCUSSION

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1. You will have seen the two memoranda, dated 5th and 15th December 1943, on this subject from Colonel Cheyne, Director of Public Health, this Headquarters, and have, no doubt, taken steps to deal with the problem in your area.

2. Enclosed are ² copies of a further report by Colonel Cheyne following a conference held at H.M.S. on 19th December 43, when various measures to deal with the V.D. problem were discussed.

3. The U.S. Army is anxious that every U.S. Army should take a personal interest in the steps taken in his own area to rid it immediately of all infected prostitutes from registered or unregistered brothels and from the streets.

4. Any prostitute suspected of being diseased should be medically examined immediately, re-registered and if found to be infected, should be sent to the nearest suitable institution for treatment.

5. You should submit through the usual channels, by 15 January 44, a brief report on how the situation has developed in your area since the occupation; the steps taken to deal with it and any further steps contemplated.

Information is particularly required on the following points:-

- (a) Number of registered brothels in area.
- (b) Number of registered prostitutes in area.
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- (e) Number of women medically examined and found diseased.
- (f) Action taken regarding these women.
- (g) Co-operation of hostess and landlord in dealing with every aspect of the problem.
- (h) Co-operation of U.S. Army with Military Police.

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27th December 63

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4. Any prostitutes suspected of being diseased should be medically examined immediately, resupplied and if found to be infected, should be sent to the nearest suitable institution for treatment.

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- (g) Co-operation of Customs and General S.I. in dealing with every aspect of the problem.
- (h) Co-operation of A.S. with Military Police.
- (i) Frequency of medical examination of registered prostitutes.
- (j) Steps taken by Military Police or U.S.C.A. to trace source when a soldier becomes infected.

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Any suggestions or comments you may wish to offer will be appreciated.

Reg. Smith
Lt. Colonel,
Chief, Public Safety.

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SUBJECT: Venereal Disease.

H.Q., A.M.G.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

AMG/511/17.
24.Dec.43.

TO: Military Government Section,
A.F.H.Q.

With reference to your Cable Message 13492 of 13.Dec.43, the following preliminary report of action so far taken by this H.Q. is submitted for your information.

2. The Director of Public Health, AMF.15 Army Group, revisited NAPLES on 17/20 Dec. and called a conference representative of all military authorities in 5 Army Area. Names and appointments of officers attending are given in Appendix 1 to this report.
3. Previous to the meeting Col. Cheyne had an opportunity of discussing the problem of Venereal Diseases in the Armies with Brigadier R. Lees, Consulting Venereologist M.E. and Col. T. Young, D.D.M. A.F.H.Q., who were on a short visit to Naples. The general plan of treatment considered suitable for the civil population was reviewed and a rough estimate of quantity of drugs required was made. It is requested that Brig. Lees or Lt.Col. Campbell, Advisor on Venereology A.F.H.Q., should forward to the Director of Public Health 15 Army Group AMG, complete instructions for the short course of treatment recommended so that this can be circularised throughout the civil hospitals and clinics in order that a standard treatment is used throughout the controlled territories. The time at the disposal of Brig. Lees was very short and it is hoped that further opportunities for conferences between him and the Director of Public Health may arise.
4. At the conference the general state of affairs was fully discussed. The recommendations of the Surgeon/IMS which accompanied the memo MGS/720 JCH/RB/JJS of 8 Dec. from the Chief Military Government Section, were read to the meeting and special emphasis was laid on para.4 of the Surgeon/IMS recommendations. It was noted that recommendations included "Brothels to be placed off limits". The meeting hoped that an order on this would come out immediately applying to all Allied Forces, including Navies, Air Forces, and, if possible, Merchant Seamen. Police control and supervision would be extremely difficult unless the order applies to all.
5. The conference proceeded to discuss ways and means of carrying out inspection of prostitutes and ensuring adequate treatment. It was clear that in a place like Naples very large amounts of accommodations would be required for this. At present 200 beds are available in Pace Hospital, 30 at Torre Armanciata, and 20 at Caserta. It may be possible to expand existing hospitals or open other suitable buildings to ensure a further 200 beds in Naples. The medical officers present realised fully the difficulties in the way, especially of the fact that gonorrhoea was the predominant disease, and one which

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6. The conference then took up the question of soliciting - pimps - houses bounds, from the police and legal points of view with special reference to Naples. The meeting was asked, however, not to think only about Naples, but to appreciate that the same problems existed in every city, town and even villages to a greater or lesser extent. The police and legal representatives both asked that pimps be tried in Allied Military Courts instead of in Italian Courts. The possibility of 'Vice' Courts was discussed. Legal said orders on the following subjects were under review:

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- (b) The licensing of Prostitutes and making them liable to medical examination and treatment.
- (c) Unauthorised "Houses".
- (d) Prohibiting soliciting.
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7. It was obvious that orders such as these mentioned should be supplemented by parallel orders to the Allied Forces.

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9. The question of control of drinks was next discussed. While difficulties were fully appreciated it was felt that the problem must be tackled. There may be need for further restriction in the hours of sale. Greater penalties for sale of "doctored" liquor. The liaison between military police and Carabinieri might be closer. The supply of good beer to troops is to be expedited, and a brewery is opening about the end of January.

10. To summarise, it was felt that good had come from the meeting, which marked the launching of an intensive anti-V.D. campaign, but the conference was too big and the need for the subject matter to be broken down for discussion in smaller local Committees was obvious.

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D. GORDON CHEYNE
COLONEL D.P.H.

Brigadier,
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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Appendix 1 to AMG/511/17,
dated 2-12-43.

List of Officers attending V.D. Conference at Prefettura, NAPLES,
on Sunday, 19, Dec, 1943.

Col. D. Gordon Cheyna, Director Public Health, AMG. 15 Army Group.
Lt. Col. Frank R. Drake, M.C. 5 Army V.D. Officer.
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Major L.A. Sciele, U.S.M.C. " "
Lt. Col. W. Koharty, C.A.P.O. Naples City.
Major C.E. Gell, U.S.M.C., AMG Naples City.
Major W. Canuthers, A.P.M. 57 Area.
Prof. de Anna, Esp. Dermatol. Dir. Osp. Pace.
Prof. Berneduce, Esp. Con. Med. Prov. della Campania.
Prof. Maranelli, Dir. Gen. Osp. Riuniti.

1. C.O.

To see. Col Cheyne
 & Col Pollock are
 seeing CAPS at
 Naples to day to
 discuss this matter.
 A draft instruction
 to CAPS is being
 put to Col Cheyne
 by Col Pollock.

3 copies also being
 sent to SCAP
 Foggia Province

Rushy

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Good. We shall hear from
 Mr. Cheyne & Col Pollock
 what the position is in
 this relation.

By
 Rushy 20/12

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SUBJECT: Venereal Disease.

H.Q., A.M.C.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

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15th December 43

A.M.C., Fifth Army (10)
A.M.C., Eighth Army (10)
A.M.C., Region III (10)
A.M.C., Region IV (10)

Further to this H.Q. memo AM/111/1 dated 5th December 43, copies of correspondence received from A.F.H.Q. on Venereal Diseases, which further stresses the importance of taking immediate action to check V.D., are given herewith for information, and necessary action.

B. GORDON CHEVIE,
Colonel,
Director of Public Health.

DGC/SCM

Copy to: A.C.C. Palermo (6) Surgeon 5 Army (8)
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DMS 6 Army (8)

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Military Government Section

8 December 1943

MCS - 720

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease

TO: H.Q. A.M.C., 15 Army Group
H.Q. A.M.C., C.M.F.

The attached report reference M.68/24/1 of 6 December on the incidence of Venereal Diseases is forwarded. Will you please make report to this Section in duplicate as to what steps have been taken to prevent the spread of this disease.

Emergency steps will be taken in accordance with para 4 of the attached report.

(signed) J.G. HOLMES.

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Report available

D. GORDON CHEVIE,
Colonel,
Director of Public Health.

DCG/SON

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DIMS 8 Army (8)

Surgeon 5 Army (8)
Legal Div (8)
Public Safety Div (8)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Military Government Section

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8 December 1943

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SUBJECT:- Venereal Disease

TO: H.Q. A.M.C., 15 Army Group
N.Q.A.M.C., C.M.F.

The attached report references M.66/24/1 of 6 December on the incidence of Venereal Diseases is forwarded. Will you please see report to this Section in duplicate as to what steps have been taken to prevent the spread of this disease.

Energetic steps will be taken in accordance with para 4 of the attached report.

Copy to Surgeon.

(Signed) J.C. HOLMES,
Brigadier General, G.S.O.
Chief, Military Government Section.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON

SECRET

Ref:- M:66/24/1.

SUBJECT:- Venereal Disease.

TO:- C.A.C.A.F.H.Q. PART I - REPORT.

1. The increase in the V.D. rate is now alarming; there has been a steady rise since the occupation of Sicily and Italy.

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2. This is due to:-

- (a) The presence and availability of large numbers of infected women in brothels and on the streets.
- (b) The abundance of wine.
- (c) Inadequate welfare facilities.
- (d) Discomfort of life in quarters.

AMERICAN TROOPS.

Formation.	V. D. Rate/1000/annum.
A. B. S.	104.13
M. B. S.	42.06
E. B. S.	40.08
Hq. Command	61.09
1st Army	69.66
Seventh Army	96.79
12th Air Force	65.57
P. B. S.	145.79
I. B. S.	297.05
O. D. MRS	212.40
TOTAL	89.61
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NOTE:- These rates are based on incomplete returns.

BRITISH TROOPS.

Formation.	V. D. Rate/1000/annum.
Eight Army	24.0
10 Corps	100.9
2 District Total	104.2
Barletta Area	135.9
Total ITALY	51.2
1 District	72.7
North Africa	28.2
TOTAL FORCE	43.7
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NOTE:- These figures are not in any sense comparable owing to the presence of many factors which are not common to both Armies.

PART II - RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. The attention of Commanding Generals of Formations is drawn to the present serious menace of V.D.
2. The services of Brigadier R. Lees, Consulting Venereologist M.I., who is now available, be accepted to work in conjunction with the Advisers in the various Medical Officers, A.M.C.

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15th Army	69.66
Seventh Army	96.79
12th Air Force	65.57
I.R.S.	145.79
I.R.S.	297.05
C.D. IDS	212.40
TOTAL	80.01

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10 Corps	24.0
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Barlotta Area	107.2
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3. That the present campaign against V.D. be intensified, i.e. talks by Commanding Officers, addresses by M.O.s, Press propaganda and discussions by Chaplains be carried out to capacity.
4. A.M.G. be requested to organise and undertake treatment for all women to whom V.D. is attributable, including police supervision and compulsory segregation.
5. Drinking hours to be restricted.
6. Brothels to be placed off limits.
7. American Red Cross and Welfare Activities to be enlarged and assisted

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in every possible way. This includes organized entertainment and recreation, coffee bars and canteens staffed by suitable ladies. It is suggested that every static unit is held responsible for its own organization.

8. Static units and formations to organize adequate Prophylactic Treatment Centres. Out of 17,000 recent treatments in Algiers only 11 cases contracted V.D.

9. These recommendations apply chiefly to Sicily and Italy.

10. The V.D. rate now seriously threatens to limit the effectiveness of Africa and Formations. In some instances the V.D. rate is equal to the Malaria rate, larger than the infective hepatitis rate and is the chief cause of sickness.

11. In conclusion:-

- (i) The V.D. rate is everywhere steadily rising.
- (ii) V.D. is NOW a serious menace to the health and effectiveness of troops of all formations.
- (iii) Urgent and immediate action is required.

(Signed)

E. H. COWELL

Major-General,
Surgeon, D.M.S., A.Z.H.Q.

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FOLIO No. 05070
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FROM: AFHQ STATED ELISENOWER CITE WHTS
TO: FILIPOT FOR AMB
INFO: FARCO
ORLC. NO. 13492.

TOC: 1953A.13.
FOR 03/7A.14.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR PUBLIC HEALTH 15 ARMY GROUP ON VENEREAL DISEASES DATED 5 DECEMBER TOGETHER WITH DATA NOW IN HANDS OF SURGEON INDICATE EXTREME URGENCY IMMEDIATE MEASURES OF CONTROL. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH DMS URGE IMMEDIATE ACTION BY AMB IMPLEMENTING SUGGESTIONS IN PARAGRAPHS FOUR, SEVEN AND EIGHT WITH EARLY REPORT TO THIS HEADQUARTERS OF ACTION TAKEN. AMB SHOULD INITIATE SIMILAR ACTION IN AREAS NOW UNDER CONTROL.

AND 4 ACTION

SAC 04564.14.
T.T. 0500A.14. JY.

Forwarded under this HQ letter AMB/311/1 of 5 Dec. 43.
Report of action taken should reach this H.Q. by 28 Dec. 43.

SUBJECT: - Venereal Disease.

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H.Q., A.M.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

A.M.G. Fifth Army (10)
A.M.G. Eighth Army (10)
A.M.G. Region III (10)
A.M.G. Region IV (10)

AMG/211/1

5th December 1943

1. At a recent conference on Venereal Diseases in the Armies held at NAPLES and attended by the D.D.M., A.F.H.Q. - the advisor on V.D., A.F.H.Q., A.D.H. Adv. Adm. Echelon A.F.H.Q., and the Director of Public Health A.M.G. 15 Army Group, the possibility of further cooperation between the Armies and A.M.G. was discussed.

2. The problem of V.D. in Naples and other large cities is becoming a very serious one and unless checked by every means possible is likely to increase. The present ratio per 1000 calculated on recent weekly figures is alarming.

3. While it will be essentially the concern of the Army to take every action possible in the way of discipline, education, inspection of men, establishment of P.A.C. and Prophylactic Centres, control of the treatment in forward areas, propaganda of various sorts, there are certain important features in an anti-venereal campaign which are essentially matters for the civil authorities and so A.M.G.

4. Naples has an evil reputation as a Port with a high incidence of V.D. Normal opportunities exist but it is felt that the amount of touting for custom which is now obvious all over the town calls for action by the police and later by the Legal Division. It is considered that an anti-'pimp' campaign should be launched and that penalties should be severe, and the widest publicity should be given to convictions.

5. There is evidence that many infections come from the unauthorised or unlicensed "house" and irregular, including "door step" prostitution while, on the other hand, the regular house, in which inspection of men and P.A.C. have been instituted by Army authorities, do not appear to be coming out so badly and provide some, though obviously not full protection.

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7. During my visit I saw many cases of soldiers having bottles of wine thrust into their hands in broad daylight by these harpies or the agents. It is felt that the "sale" or the "gift" of wine in bottles on the streets or even in shops might well be prohibited.

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8. The question of control of cases of V.D. in the civil population require investigation by the Public Health Division of A.M.C., with special regard to the early re-establishment of V.D. clinics as necessary. I should like a report on this in a month's time. So far as is known there is no scarcity of suitable drugs for the treatment of these diseases.
9. It will be appreciated if these points can receive your consideration and cooperation to effect the desired improvement.

D. GORDON GREENE,
Colonel,
Director of Public Health.

DGC/SEH
Copy to:

A.C.C. Palermo (6) DMS 8 Army (8) Surgeon 5 Army (8)
DMS Adv Adm Gen AFHQ (4) Legal Div (8) Public Safety Div (8)
DMS No. 2 District (4)

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NOTES & INSTRUCTIONS FOR P.S. OFFICERS
DEC. 1943 - JAN. 1944

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ARREST

REPORT

as per

ALL ENTRIES IN BLOCK CAPITALS OR TYPED.
IF INFORMATION NOT KNOWN STATE "NOT KNOWN."

ALL SPACES TO BE FILLED IN

..... Christian Name.....
 Father's Name..... Date of Birth.....
 Address..... Town.....
 Occupation..... Date of Arrest.....
 (In Italian)
 Arrested at..... Province.....
 Designation of Cage or Prison to which sent.....
 Eight Army Black List No.....
 Reason for Arrest:

Recommendation of T.S.C. for length of internment..... S1

DISTRIBUTION: (Underline addressee concerned. Copy to each)

G.S.I. (b) Army.

G.S.I. (b) Corps.

With prisoner to Cage or Prison:

Local C.I.O.

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ARREST

REPORT

as per 4 Army.

PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS OR TYPED.

ALL SPACES TO BE FILLED IN.

IF INFORMATION NOT KNOWN STATE "NOT KNOWN."

..... Christian Name.....

..... Date of Birth..... Identity Card No.....

..... Town or Village..... Province.....

..... Date of Arrest..... Unit Effecting Arrest.....

..... Prison..... Category (A, B or C).....

Prison to which sent.....

..... for length of internment..... Signed.....

One addressee concerned. Copy to each)

or Prison:

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Instructions Public Safety

REAPO Reg. III
" IV

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In order to be familiar with location of prisons,
and establishments of confinement of prisoners,
such as Reformatories and criminal institutions,
will you please have a list of such places
submitted to this Head Quarters on the attached
forms. ~~by prisoners~~

as and when further places have been located
and visited please submit particulars on similar
forms with the your Public Safety monthly
report.

Annex

It is not the intention to ask S.C.A.P.O's to
send ~~is~~ such location reports, as the
information will be obtained from ~~from~~ ^{when}
prisoners are handed over to Regions.

Not to go out - C.P.S. authority for
information to be included in
Monthly Reports

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Copy to SCAPC. ^{Field Army}
Encl. (Main). ^{Encl. SCAPC - AMG.}

In order to be familiar with location of Prisons, and establishments of confinement of Prisons, such as Reformatories and Criminal Institutions, will you please have a list of such places submitted to this Head Quarters on the attached forms. ~~By Prisons~~

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to ask S.C.P.C's

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Not to go out - C.P.C's asking for information to be included in Monthly Reports

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3/1/44
Copy to SCAPO. ^{Field Army} ^{Eighty} (Main) through SCAO - AMG.

Committed Report will not be required

- ① Legal at last getting out a committed warrant.
- ② For persons arrested as offenders against Italian Laws by Italian's this practice to continue
- ③ Political Prisoners - Internes a special camp to be set up at once A. F. H. has ordered.

16/12/43.

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GOVERNO MILITARE ALLEATO

COMMITTAL

ARREST REPORT

Relazione di Arresto

TO: ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT - - - - -

At: Governo Militare Alleato - - - - -

THIS FORM IN DUPLICATE MUST BE COMPLETED, AND ONE COPY HANDED
TO THE ITALIAN PRISON AT THE TIME YOU DELIVER AN ARRESTED CIVILIAN *and*
Siete incaricato di riempire questo modulo in duplice copia e trasmetterne una alla prigione
Italiana, ogni qualvolta consegnate ad essa un arrestato civile.

NAME OF PRISONER

Nome dell'arrestato

PLACE OF ARREST

Luogo dell'arresto

DATE

Data

TIME

Ora

DETAILS OF INCIDENT LEADING TO ARREST:

Causa dettagliata dell'arresto:

NAME OF ALLIED MILITARY OFFICIAL MAKING THE ARREST
Civil Police Official

Nome dell' UFFICIALE MILITARE ALLEATO CHE ESEGUI L'ARRESTO
Ufficiale della Polizia Civile

UNIT

Reparto

SIGNATURE

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Voltate la pagina

X one copy to be sent to nearest C.A.O.
by POLICE

WITNESSES WITH ADDRESSES:

Testimoni e loro indirizzo:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

PROPERTY AVAILABLE AS EVIDENCE:

Refurtiva:

DESCRIPTION:

Descrizione:

WHEREABOUTS:

Dove è adesso la refurtiva:

ITALIAN PRISON TO WHICH PRISONER DELIVERED:

A quale prigione italiana l'arrestato è stato consegnato:

CIVILIANS Detained in Prison.

SCAPO	THRO	SCAO	AMG.	S Army
"	"	"	"	"
"	"	RCAD	"	Region III
"	"	"	"	" IV

Defense is returned.

In addition to the detention of civilians in Security grounds (Political Prisoners) many cases are found in prisons without record of charge and ~~without~~ their offense and in fact without any record what so ever.

It has therefore been decided to introduce a form of Com-mittal which can be circulated as SCAPOs may consider, but it is suggested that they be kept at prisons and ~~handwritten~~ local cells. They will then always be available and there should be no need to accept a prisoner without some form of Com-mittal.

Bundles of these forms are sent. Recently for circulation to prisons as and when the Scheme can operate. It is appreciated that in areas in which no Regional 1949 officers are established it cannot be brought. No additional work should be given to the officers endeavoring to handle Civil Affairs.

It will be noted that one copy of the completed form is kept at the prison and one copy taken away by the Police official handing over the person. This latter copy will be sent to the relevant C.A.O. as a record for him and

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There is no reason why the forms ~~and~~ ^{should} not be used in cases of persons put into local prisons on Security grounds, we would they be certain of having some record.

Subject:- Public Safety Notes.

AMG HQ.,
15 Army Group,
C.M.F.

Ref. AMG/127/1.
9 December 43.

S.C.A.P.O. thru AMG 5 Army,
" " " 8 Army,
" " Region III,
" " Region IV (Adv HQ),
" " Region IV (Main HQ).

Some Notes on Public Safety matters are forwarded. They may be found useful to Public Safety staff. No mention is made of the Brothel and V.D. problems, it is included in 1 (b). The forms attached I have personally found useful and believe they may be helpful to others.

MFL/ES.

Handwritten: [Signature]
M.P. LOTHIAN,
Major, Public Safety.

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Public Safety Matters for attention by Public Safety Staff Officers.

1. (a) Military and Civil Traffic - Control.
Civil Police to be used with Military Police.
(b) Control and enforcing discipline among Military in Towns.
(c) Sale of intoxicants to be controlled.
(d) Troops off duty carrying weapons.
(e) Movement of civilians North - check on a line - use Military Police and CC.RR.
(f) Control of prices as far as possible.
2. (a) Detention of internees arrested by C.I.C. or P.S. or on their behalf, not in Civil Prisons, but in P.O.W. Camps. (Political Prisoners)
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(c) Records to be kept of all persons under suspicion, and under house detention.
(d) Records of all persons dismissed from Govt Posts on account of fascist tendencies or on suspicion.
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(b) Uniform, clothing and feeding of all Civil Public Safety Organisations.
(c) Promotions, reporting and dismissal of Public Safety Civil officials.
(d) Buildings used by Public Safety officials. CC.RR Stations.
(e) Prisons - Central Prisons - Local or Municipal Prisons - Staff at Prisons.
4. (a) Requisitioning Buildings.
" Vehicles.
" Equipment.
(b) Collecting weapons in possession of civilians.
(c) Proclamations - issue.
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(b) As required by S.C.A.C.
(c) Monthly - General report under Main Headings and submit to AM: 15 Army Group.
Police Services.
Prison "
Fire "

NOTE. The Prison Service report to AM: 15 Army Group will give numbers of prisoners awaiting trial by :-

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(b) Civil Courts.
(c) Minors (under 18 yrs.) in prison serving a sentence.
7. (a) Take over if S.C.A.O. approves -
Registration of Italians holding Government positions.

.....(b) All Italians

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- (b) All Italians employed by AMG Officers to have "Background" checked by P.S. or C.I. Section on special forms attached. Records to be kept by Public Safety.
- (c) Record of Prison Inspections to be kept - on form attached and to be passed to Region.
- (d) Record prisoners awaiting trial on attached form - and to be passed to Region.
- (e) Record of all minors put into prison to be kept and notified to Welfare on form attached.

8. Evacuations.

Render assistance to Welfare Staff.

Major,
Public Safety.

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1. NAME OF INSTITUTION.....

2. LOCATION OF INSTITUTION.....

STATE OF INDIANA

7. TUNERS OF INMATES IN PRISON.....

5. PRISON CAPACITY.....

6. STAFF: (a) Chief Officials (Names, titles).....

(b) Subordinates (numbers only)

(c) Guards or Officers (Numbers only);

7. GENERAL SURVEY:-

(2)

(a) Sanitation.

(b) Food supply and quality.

(c) Discipline and segregation of inmates.

(d) State of buildings (damage due to war, safepurria etc.)

Shops.

(e) Grounds.

8. Detail of Arms and Weapons.

(c) Discipline and segregation of inmates.

(f) State of buildings (damage due to war, safeguards etc.)
Shops.

(g) Grounds.

6. Detail of Arms and Weapons.

.....
Name and Rank.

(3)

9. Lists to be attached to this report.

(a) For convicted prisoners :- Numbers only.

(b) For prisoners awaiting trial :-

Name
Nationality
Age
Sex
Offence
Date of arrest

(c) For political prisoners :- Numbers

Date.....

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MEMORANDUM AT PRISON.
 Minori a Prigione.

NAME	HOME	DATE OF BIRTH	OFFENSE	DATE OF ARREST	DATE OF CONVICTION	SENTENCE
Nome	Residenza	Nato	Reato	Data di Arresto	Data giudicata	Sentenza

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