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Having read Lt. Col. Dunning's letter, it is considered that all the steps as being taken in the matter of clandestine prostitution & as further action is required. George W. L. Col.
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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

14th July, 1944

ACC/14060/PS

SUBJECT : Prostitution.
TO : Minister of Interior.

Your Excellency,

I thank you for your letter 10/50148 of the 6th instant
and appreciate your efforts in this matter, and the work of the Police
Agencies concerned.

PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel Inf.
Chief Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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To the Sub-Commission of P.S. at the

A.C.C. in Salerno

Subject: Report on clandestine prostitution in the month of May 1944.

In relation to the request of this Commission with the note above, we remit herewith the annexed statistical prospect of the operations which have been done in the provinces of liberated Italy submitted to the Italian Administration, in order to prevent and to repress the clandestine prostitution during the last month of May.

From the text of this prospect we see that, notwithstanding the difficulties which were described in the report of the month of April, the dependant offices of P.S. have met with required energy the difficult and complex problem of clandestine prostitution.

In several provinces for inst. in Agrigento, as there are no A.M.F. the phenomenon of the clandestine prostitution has not occurred, while in others: Bari, Cagliari and Palermo it has reached very large proportions.

If we want to resolve this problem, we have always to remember that the causes of this phenomenon depend not only from deficiency of dwellings disorder of family habits, relapse of education, resulting all from the events of war, but especially from the scarcity of food and from the impos-

sibility for many families to face the high prices of living, as well as, from the wellknown prodigality of the Allied Forces.

With the intensification of the police service ^{course} in the ^{no} of which (incidents of significance have been noticed ^{requiring} ~~for~~ expedient and coordinate interference of the Allied Military Police, we proceed also to improve the Sanitary Service*.

In consequence of this a sensible decrease of venereal contagion has been noticed among military men, so in the province of Cagliari, where the elements are furnished by the Allied Authorities this decrease has reached the high percentage of 50 %.

Therefore the clandestine prostitution has to be rigorously controlled in all provinces, and we have reasons to believe that it will be possible to reduce it to very narrow limits.

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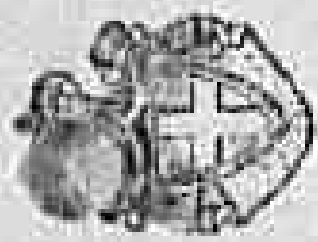
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Statistical prospect made in liberated Italy to prevent and repress clandestine prostitution during the month of May 1944.

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 Prostitutes found ill and recovered (in hospitals).....796
 Prostitutes sent back to their countries (art.157 T.U. Laws of P.S....325
 Prostitutes intimated.....1378
 Prostitutes denounced for violation of the art.163 and 157
 T.U. Laws of P.S.103
 Persons denounced ~~by the offices~~ for having helped prostitution 82
 Houses denounced by the offices as places of prostitution art.190
 T.U. Laws of P.S.....N.38

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Salerno li 6 luglio 1944

All'On.le SOTTOCOMMISSIONE DI

P.S. presso la COMMISSIONE

ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

S A L E R N O

Riposta al p. d. l. 23.3.944

Dir.

Leg. A.Q.N. I4060/PS

OGGETTO Prostituzione clandestina-Relazione mese di maggio 1944.-

Alleg. I

In relazione alla richiesta avanzata da codesta On.le Commissione con la nota suindicata, si trasmette l'accluso prospetto statistico delle operazioni eseguite nelle Province dell'Italia Liberata, soggette alla Amministrazione Italiana, per la prevenzione e per la repressione della prostituzione clandestina durante il decorso mese di maggio.-

Dall'esame del censato prospetto si desume che i dipendenti organi di polizia, nonostante le difficoltà rappresentate con la relazione del mese di aprile, hanno affrontato, con la necessaria energia, l'arduo e complesso problema della prostituzione clandestina.

In alcune Province, come Agrigento, per la mancanza di contingenti delle Forze Armate Alleate, il fenomeno della prostituzione clandestina non si verifica, mentre ha raggiunto proporzioni elevate in altre Province, quali Bari, Cagliari e Palermo.-

Le cause determinanti il lamentato fenomeno, le quali debbono esser sempre tenute presenti ove si voglia risolverlo definitivamente, sono da ricercarsi oltre che nella deficienza delle abitazioni, nel disordine delle abitudini delle famiglie, nel rallentamento dei vincoli educativi in conseguenza degli eventi bellici e soprattutto nella scarsità dei generi alimentari e nell'impossibilità, per molte famiglie, di sopportare le enormi spese del costo della vita e nella ben nota prodigalità.

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Con l'intensificazione dei servizi di polizia, nel corso dei quali non si sono verificati incidenti di rilievo per lo opportuno e coordinato intervento degli organi di Polizia Militare Alleata, si procede nel contempo al perfezionamento dei servizi sanitari.-

In conseguenza, si è rilevata una sensibile diminuzione nel numero dei contagi venerei fra i militari: così, nella Provincia di Cagliari, stando agli elementi forniti dalle Autorità sanitarie Alleate, tale diminuzione ha raggiunto la rilevante percentuale del 50%.-

La prostituzione clandestina, pertanto, in tutte le Province, viene rigorosamente controllata e si ha ragione di ritenere che essa possa essere al più presto ristretta entro limiti circoscritti.-

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

19 June 1944

PS/7.2

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease, Naples Area.

TO : HQ. ACC, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. With reference to letter dated 5 June 1944, ref. ACC/14060/PS.
2. Delay in replying to this communication has been occasioned owing to the absence of Major Lewis from Naples.
3. On 18 June 1944, Major Way of this office met Major Lewis and also Capt. Dolan, CMP, Metropolitan Area, when the whole matter was discussed.
4. It is not agreed that the facts are exactly as set out in the original communication of Major Lewis.
5. The Pace Hospital is capable of dealing with more patients, but no suggestion has ever been made that this should be kept constantly filled to capacity.
6. It should be appreciated that arrests for prostitution whether by Military Police or Italian Police Agencies must be based on evidence of sorts and that it is entirely incidental to the offence for which the arrest is made that a woman is found to be infected after medical examination.
7. There is no power of arrest solely on suspicion that a woman may be infected.
8. It is not true that cooperation between the Military Police and Italian Police Agencies has decreased. Mixed patrols are functioning as before.
9. It is however a fact that the total arrests for prostitution for the month of May fell sharply as compared with previous months, but this was due almost entirely to a very definite effort to pick out more serious cases only in view of the hopelessly congested prison situation.

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10. During May, 455 women who were arrested, received hospital treatment, and at the end of that month, nearly 700 were undergoing sentences for this class of offence.

11. Major Lewis asked whether the Courts might not consider fines as an alternative to prison sentences. This is not considered likely to have any effect in view of the recent statement of an arrested prostitute that she often accommodated as many as 30 men a day, at prices varying from 300 to 10,000 lire and this could earn as much as 100,000 lire a day with ease.

12. Without a change in Italian law and the present prison situation, it is difficult to see what additional action can be taken by either Military Police or Italian Police, but it understood that certain proposals have been made to the Italian Government by the Public Health Sub-Commission.

13. It may be added that it was found that when wholesale arrests were made at the start of the campaign against prostitution, a deluge of complaints was received from both Italian and Allied sources, and that in future all such offences will be tried by Italian Courts.

C.T. Francis

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Lieut. Colonel, G.I.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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 HEADQUARTERS, *copy to 1401/8/1*
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
 APO. 394.

101/23/CA.21st April 44.*Dear Colonel Kirk,*

During his recent visit to Sicily the Executive Commissioner was informed that the Military Police of IES and No. 1 District were taking prostitutes off the streets and those infected with V.D. were having their heads shaved. The Executive Commissioner would be very glad if you will look into this matter and take it up with the appropriate authorities.

Lt. Col. Snooks also raised the question of boots for officers of the CC.RR on the Island. Apparently there is a scheme in force for the clothing of the Carabinieri ORs but at that time nothing had been settled in regard to the officers.

Yours sincerely
A. Stewart

Captain,
 PA to Executive
 Commissioner.

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Colonel P. C. Kirk,
 Public Safety Sub-Commission,
 Rear H.Q.,
 Allied Control Commission.

HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

8 June 44

ACTION POINTS: reference meeting on Control of Venereal Disease held at Rear HQ, ACC APO 394, 0930 hours 8 June 44. (Items for Agenda).

1. Measures to be taken to prevent infected women being released from hospital.
ACTION: By Admin Section (thru' HQ & MG).
 a. We want evidence from the military that women are being released from hospitals prior to their having reached the non-communicable stages of their venereal diseases. (HQ & MG Section is to take steps to advise the military - AAI - that specific instances are to be reported to ACC.)
2. Measures to be taken to supervise them after release.
ACTION: By Admin Section. (HQ; Legal and Interior).
 a. Draft decree to be prepared as a war time measure, and passed by the Italian Government, which will ensure that
 a. VD patients will be given conditional releases only from hospitals, and are to be required to make weekly visits to specifically designated clinics for further treatment and/or examination until finally cured.
 b. Hospitals will send weekly (periodical) reports to clinics with reference to the names and addresses of patients being released to these clinics for further treatment.
 c. Clinics are advised that defaulters (or those who do not make these required visits for treatment) are to be reported to the police for disciplinary action.
 d. All hospital VD patients are advised of the necessity of visiting the clinic.
 e. All persons requiring clinical treatment will, upon making change of address so notify the clinic to which they have been reporting, and will then be given the address and location of a clinic near their new homes. This clinic will be informed of the addition to its list of patients by the clinic releasing the patient.
3. Action that can be taken against medical personnel who allow, either willfully or negligently, women to be released while still infectious.
ACTION: Admin Section (Thru' HQ & MG Section).
 Military field personnel must be asked to report each instance discovered, and representations will be made to the Italian Government for the prosecution of each individual.
4. Measures to be taken to improve the distribution of drugs.
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 Individual cases of inefficiency or negligence are to be reported to ACC, and Public Health Sub-Commission will act on each one independently.
5. General situation as to state of law enforcement in the matter.
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 Representations be made to AAI to increase the control over uniformed personnel, especially as regards their conduct.

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ACTION: Admin Section (Thru' PC & MG Section).
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- 6 Recommendations as to points to be made to the Italian Government.
ACTION: Embodied in #2.

R.A. PENCELL,
 Major, Infantry,
 SO II Admin Section.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

8 June 44

Minutes of Meeting on Control of Venereal Disease held at Rear HQ APO 394
0930 hours, 8 June 44.

Present: Lord Stansgate (VP Admin Section)
Brig. C.S. Parkinson (Public Health)
Col R.G.B. Spicer (Interior)
Col G.H. Upjohn (Legal)
Lt. Col R. Wilcox (Public Safety)
Major J. Lewis (Public Health)
Major R.A. Farnell (Admin Section)
Major J.B. Reakes (PO & HQ)

The meeting was convened at 1930 hours.

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3 Brig. Parkinson asked if there was any proof of this and was answered by Major Lewis that it was probably true in some instances. Major Lewis added that such a condition had existed in LECCE, and that investigations on similar complaints were now being scheduled for Bari and TARANTO.

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- 8 Col Upjohn asked if 'brothels' were supervised for the protection of Allied Troops.
- 9 Maj. Lewis stated that in general they were supervised properly, and that only occasionally was an Allied soldier found in one.
- 10 The subject of brothels for military use was discussed, and Maj Lewis said that venereal disease rates soared wherever brothels were tacitly permitted.
- 11 Lord Stanagata raised the point of how to make the Italian doctors more meticulous in the performance of their duties in connection with VD control.
- 12 Maj. Lewis informed the group that the activities of the doctors were proving more valuable since the adoption of a more or less standard form of test for VD.
- 13 Brig. Parkinson stated that the best answer to the VD problem was to enforce and encourage proper unit control. He suggested that commanding officers be made to tighten up their control over their men.

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- 14 Maj. Peckes stated that a curfew for children had been discussed and a note against it had been sent to ALI. All present agreed that a curfew was not a solution to be considered.
- 15 Further discussion as to the desirability of patrols to keep children and "pimps" off the streets, and disciplinary measures against soldiery were treated briefly.
- 16 Lord Stansgate then presented the items for the agenda for discussion.
- a (1) Measures to be taken to prevent infected women being released from hospitals. It was decided that actual evidence is required in order to make proper representations to the Italian Government. This will necessitate steps being taken through RC & MG Section to ask all concerned to report each case.
- (ii) Measures to be taken to supervise them after release. It was decided that VD patients in hospitals should be given conditional releases only. The conditions being that they report weekly (periodically) to clinics until completely cured. All hospitals should keep clinics informed of the patients they are to keep tabs on, and all patients should be informed that unless they actually continue to visit clinics until discharged they will be subject to police action. Patients should also be advised that upon changing residence they must notify the clinics they attend and will be given cards or instructions to report to clinics nearer their new residence for continued treatment.
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- c Action that can be taken against medical personnel who allow, either wilfully or negligently, women to be released while still infectious. (Item B of the Agenda), was then discussed. It was agreed that specific instances must be reported by personnel in the field in order that proper representations be made to the Italian Government. Each case will be handled independently.
- d Item C of the Agenda - Measures to be taken to improve the distribution of drugs was next discussed. Major Lewis stated that although there were dispensaries in nearly every town, there were only 19 hospitals presently involved. He suggested that each case involving inefficiency, shortage or delay be handled separately as it arises. This was agreed to.
- e As to Item D on the Agenda - General situation as to state of law enforcement, it would be necessary to make representations to ALI (through RC & MG) to emphasize the necessity of better control over the conduct of the individual soldier. It was agreed that MG's rather than civil police should supervise the control due to lack of power over Allied soldiery on the part of Italian Police.
- f As to Item E, it was considered that the solution of this was embodied in the draft decree mentioned in a(ii).
- 17 Major Lewis raised the question of asking the Italian Government to improve the condition of the dispensaries, particularly with respect to increasing their staffs. After a short discussion this was left to be dealt with by the Public Health Sub-Commission.
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As to Item E, it was considered that the solution of this was embodied in the draft decree mentioned in a(11).

17 Major Lewis raised the question of asking the Italian Government to improve the condition of the dispensaries, particularly with respect to increasing their staffs. After a short discussion this was left to be dealt with by the Health Sub-Commission.

18 Col. Upjohn informed the group that he had caused the cessation of the "Prostitute Court" in Naples. All agreed that this was a proper move.

19 In connection with fixing the responsibility of taking action on the above paragraph, it was decided that the Admin Section would co-ordinate the activities of the Sub-Commissions mentioned and would present so much of the requirements to RC & MR Section as pertained to action asked of AAI and AGC personnel in the field.

The meeting was concluded at 1030 hours.

R.A. PRINCELLI,
Major, Infantry.

NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
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June 5th, 1944

SUBJECT : Venereal Disease, Hayles Area.

TO : HPSO Region 1 (through Reg. Comm.)

36A *37A also refers*

1. The attached letter dated 26th May 1944 has been referred to this Sub-Commission by the Director of Public Health.
2. To avoid unnecessary correspondence on this subject perhaps you will arrange for the Public Safety officer, familiar with the repressive measures now in force to contact the Venereal Disease Control Officer at ACG HQ.

K. W. L. H. W.

A. E. YOUNG, Colonel
Deputy Chief, Public
Safety Sub-Commission.

Copy to: Public Health Sub-Commission.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Health Sub-Commission

ACC/3023/2/PH

37A
2 June 1944.

SUBJECT: - V.D. Control, Naples Area.

TO : - Director, Public Safety. 36A

1. The attached letter has been sent to this H.Q. by the V.D. Control Officer.
2. It would be appreciated if you would kindly let me have your observations.

PH/GMF/rr.

G. M. FRIZELLE, Lt Col.,
Chief, Public Health Branch.

Incl:
As above.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED Control Commission
Public Health sub-commission
APO 394

26 May 1944

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SUBJECT: Venereal Disease Control, Naples Area.

TO : Director, Public Health sub-Commission

1. Hospital facilities provided by Region III, A.D.C., in Naples, for the observation and treatment of clandestine prostitutes are not being utilized to the fullest extent possible.
2. In addition, the problem of venereal disease is greater in the Naples Area than in any other area of occupied Italy. Reports from military sources indicate that the majority of infections among military personnel are contracted from clandestine prostitutes.
3. It is reported that there has been a decrease during the past two months in the cooperative activities of the Military Police and the Italian Police who have been undertaking the responsibility for finding and bringing to the hospital clandestine prostitutes for examination and treatment.
4. It is suggested that this matter be referred to the Public Safety sub-commission to work out a definite agreement with the Commanding General of PMS on procedures and responsibilities.

John A. Lewis, Jr. Maj. PMS
Venereal Disease Control Officer
PMS ACC.

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 234/94/CA.

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease - Curfew.

TO : Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

1. Reference your AAI/5091/A (PS) of 18 May 44, and confirming interview (Lt. Col. Philip and Major Friend James) on 3 June 44.

2. This matter has been under very careful consideration with all the Sub-Commissions of this HQ concerned who have tried to consider, not the convenience of the population, but the practical effect of such an order.

3. The consensus of opinion is that firstly, even though the law was passed it would be impracticable to enforce it in the larger towns, and secondly, that if it was enforced it would have very little effect upon the incidence of V.D.

4. It must be remembered that in dealing with the civilian population, which has very little sense of discipline, the mere issuing of legislation is useless. It is the enforcement thereof that has to be considered.

5. In Naples there is a population of 950,000 and it may be assumed that there are over 40,000 boys and youths between the ages of 12 and 19. In order to endeavour to keep these youths off the streets the Carabinieri would have to concentrate on this one problem to the exclusion of other duties. The same principle applies elsewhere.

6. Statistics from the Naples Prophylactic Stations indicate that the maximum number of troops go to brothels during mid-afternoon and after 1700 hours there is a steady decrease.

7. It is noted that in the town of Bari such a curfew order is in existence but it would be interesting to know how far it has been enforced.

8. It is the earnest wish of this HQ to keep the incidence of V.D. down by any practical means but it is considered that the curfew for minors is not practicable and should not be enforced.

5th June 1944

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Allied Armies in Italy.

1. Reference your AAI/5091/A (PS) of 18 May 44, and confirming interview (Lt. Col. Philip and Major Friend Jones) on 3 June 44.
2. This matter has been under very careful consideration with all the Sub-Commissions of this HQ concerned who have tried to consider, not the convenience of the population, but the practical effect of such an order.
3. The consensus of opinion is that firstly, even though the law was passed it would be impracticable to enforce it in the larger towns, and secondly, that if it was enforced it would have very little effect upon the incidence of V.D.
4. It must be remembered that in dealing with the civilian population, which has very little sense of discipline, the mere issuing of legislation is useless. It is the enforcement thereof that has to be considered.
5. In Naples there is a population of 950,000 and it may be assumed that there are over 40,000 boys and youths between the ages of 12 and 19. In order to endeavour to keep these youths off the streets the Carabinieri would have to concentrate on this one problem to the exclusion of other duties. The same principle applies elsewhere.
6. Statistics from the Naples Prophylactic Stations indicate that the maximum number of troops go to brothels during mid-afternoon and after 1700 hours there is a steady decrease.
7. It is noted that in the town of Bari such a curfew order is in existence but it would be interesting to know how far it has been enforced.
8. It is the earnest wish of this HQ to keep the incidence of V.D. 2473 down by any practical means but it is considered that the curfew for minors is not practicable and should not be enforced.

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Public Health Sub-Commission.
Public Safety Sub-Commission.
ACC Liaison, HQ. AAI.



REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

W/6.1/NA.

4 June 44.

SUBJECT : Control of Venereal Diseases.

TO : Directors - Public Health, Legal, Public Safety
and Interior Sub-Commissions.

1 A conference on the above subject will be held at 0930 hrs Thursday,
8 June 44 in the office of the Vice President, Adm Sec, Room #74, Palace of
Justice Building, Rear W, 400.

2 To be present :

Brig Parkinson - Public Health Sub-Commission
Col Upjohn - Legal Sub-Commission
Col Young - Public Safety Sub-Commission
Colonel Spicer - Interior Sub-Commission.
Major Lewis - Public Health Sub-Commission.

3 Items for Agenda.

- a Measures to be taken.
1 to prevent infected women being released from hospitals.
ii to supervise them after release.
b Action that can be taken against medical personnel who allow, either
wilfully or negligently, women to be released while still infectious.
c Measures to be taken to improve distribution of drugs.
d General situation as to state of law enforcement in the matter
e Recommendations as to the points to be put to the Italian Government.

Attended meeting.

8th June 1944

- ① Military Police to report specific instances of
women being improperly released from hospital.
② Brig Parkinson to approach Italian Government to
pass legislation compelling persons treated for V.D.
to report periodically to Public Health clinics.

Copy to HC & MJ Section. Induce to report to be a criminal offence.

Clinics to report to Quarantine all cases of non-compliance
Public Safety to be consulted before regulations are published.

R.H. CRISP,
COLONEL,
for VP Adm Sec.

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NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Health Sub-Commission

ACC/3023/2/PH

30 May 1944

SUBJECT: - Repression of Clandestine Prostitution.

TO : - Public Safety Sub-Commission.

see Min 3

May this office please be afforded copies of any directives which may have been issued by you on the above-named subject.

G. S. Parkinson

PH/GMF/ja

G. S. PARKINSON, Brigadier
Director, Public Health Sub-Commission

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CHIEF HEADQUARTERS
ALLIANCE CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
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APR/14060/13

25 MAY 1944

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease - Order for Children

TO : Executive Commissioner (Info: re Adm Sec)

1. I am of the opinion that the proposed curfew for children is not the proper way to deal with child playing.

The objections to it have already been set out in your letter to J District of April 4 and your draft letter to HQ, AAL.

2. To penalize during the summer months all children because of the misdeeds of a few or perhaps misfortune of a small proportion of their number is, in my view, not justified. Particularly because it appears to be assumed that the greater part of such conduct is carried on during the evening hours which are to be covered by curfew restrictions. This in my opinion is a false presumption.

3. Unless a later hour is decided upon I do not think enforcement will be practical. There is bound to be a natural reluctance on the part of all concerned to arrest juveniles merely because they are at large and how they are to be subsequently dealt with either by way of accommodation, feeling and supervision whilst in police custody, and how subsequently they are to be penalized by the Court is difficult to understand. Nor do I think it will be possible to proceed against the parents unless there is clear evidence of abetting by them.

4. I do not know of the existence of such curfews in Region II but am taking steps to find out how it operates. It has not yet been suggested at that time the curfew should be imposed, what ages would be affected or what penalties should be exacted.

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4. I do not know of the existence of such curfew in Region II but am taking steps to find out how it operates; it has not yet been suggested at what time the curfew should be imposed, what ages would be affected or what penalties should be exacted.

5. If the Military authorities insist on 2472 measures I suggest that agreement is given only after protest and that arrangements be made for its operation only in those local areas where it is considered to be essential.

6. It would be interesting to hear the comments of Regional Commissioners on this proposal and I think it might be usefully included on the agenda for their forthcoming meeting.

A.E. ZOUK,
Colonel,
Deputy Chief Public Safety Sub-Comm.

Copy to:
Public Health S-C
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

31B

Ref/234/ /CA.

May 1944.

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease.

TO : HQ. Allied Armies in Italy.

1. Reference your AAI/5091/A(PS) of 18 May 1944 your remarks on a curfew for minors are noted.
2. The Police are overworked as it is and if they are to be made responsible for picking up minors after curfew then their duties in other spheres of crime must be restricted accordingly. In the main such offences by minors are committed in the afternoon.
3. This H.Q. is willing to adopt every measure which will help in reducing the incidence of Venereal Disease but it is for the Army to say which crimes and offences they wish the police to concentrate on.
4. Under the circumstances and to meet your request an Order will be prepared imposing a curfew on minors. From what hour do you wish the curfew to be imposed.

For sign list

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For Chief Commissioner.

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SUBJECT : Venereal Disease.

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

AAI/5091/A (FS)

18 May 1944.

Executive Commissioner,
A.C.C.

Ref 234/18/CA of 13 May 44.

1. Paras 4, 5 and 6 of your letter are noted.
2. In regard to para 3 I am directed to point out that at Bari, in No 2 District, a Curfew for children under 16 has been in force since Feb '44, and it was to be extended to other towns. It was found to be practicable and to have good effect.
3. In view of this fact I am to request that this matter may be reconsidered. I am to state that in regard to any measure which is likely to reduce the incidence of V.D. amongst the Allied Forces, the saving of manpower is regarded as being of greater importance than the convenience of the local population.

Brigadier
D.A.A.

CMP/RM.

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

PS-105

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3/A

22 May 1944

Ref/234/83/CA.

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease.

TO ✓: Admin Section - For Public Safety Sub-Commission.

29A refers

1. There is sent for your perusal reply received from A.A.I. on the question of a curfew for minors. Your attention is also drawn to this HQ letter of even number dated 27th April 1944 addressed to No.3 District, copy to you for Public Health, Legal and Public Safety.

2. As the A.A.I. are more or less insisting on such a curfew being imposed, the only objection to it appear to be that the police will devote a corresponding less time to other crimes. Before however replying to A.A.I. we send you draft of our proposed reply for your perusal and return with any comments you may have.

W. G. Fiske

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

JSR/RAC.

Copy to: Public Health Sub-Commission for comment.
Legal Sub-Commission for comment.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Subcommittee
APO 394

GRU /WP

17 May 1944.

ACC/4028/L

SUBJECT : V. D. & Prostitution.

TO : ~~Public Health Subcommittee.~~

1. At a recent meeting of Regional Legal Officers the point was stressed that difficulty was frequently encountered by reason of prostitutes being released from hospital as cured of V. D. when in fact they were not so cured.

2. It was felt that this was a matter for the consideration of Public Health Subcommittee rather than law. While in a flagrant case it might be possible to prosecute an Italian doctor for releasing a prostitute before she was cured the difficulties in the way of such prosecution are obvious.

3. Would it not be possible to stress through medical associations and the like the absolute duty imposed on every doctor to cooperate in ensuring that infected prostitutes were not released before cure and possibly to arrange some system of spot checking by Allied medical personnel to see that in fact doctors were carrying out the obligations imposed upon them by statute? In flagrant cases a prosecution might follow.

4. It has also been reputed that Italian doctors have not available the appropriate drugs; can you ascertain whether there is any truth in this report and if so whether it is capable of remedy?

5. The matter is an important one and from the reports of RLO's the failure of some doctors to carry out their duties in the above respect is seriously hampering law enforcement. Perhaps you would care to discuss the matter in conference when you have considered it.

G. R. Upjohn
G. R. UPJOHN,
Colonel,
Chief Legal Officer.

Copy to : ~~Executive Commissioner.~~
→ Public Safety Subcommittee

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

14060
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27 April 1944

Ref/234/72/CA

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease

TO : No 3 District

1. Your letter 173/A of 31 March 1944 has been under consideration by the various Subcommissions of this Headquarters since its receipt.

2. Curfew for minors. The imposition of such a curfew is considered impracticable for the following reasons:

a. Only a minute proportion of the juvenile population finds itself charged with misdemeanours and breach of the law. Curfew would therefore react harshly on the remainder.

b. The approach of longer hours of daylight makes it unfair that all minors should be confined indoors for the offences of the very few.

c. The police, owing to their small numbers, would be quite unable to enforce such an order. It would also result in the picking up of a large number of children who are either orphans or without homes. At present Region III have an order on prostitution under which pimps and those guilty of offences of a similar nature are punished.

3. Head shaving. It is considered that "head shaving" would result in ridicule of A.C.C. and a consequent lowering of prestige. It is strongly opposed.

4. Relief. The question of relief is being reviewed but relief could never be paid on such a scale as to stop prostitution as a means of getting extra money for the purchase of food, etc. An order will be issued shortly increasing the daily rations of bread, pasta and dried soups to "heavy" workers. This will lead to a diminution of the crime in those houses to which these extra rations are going. In addition, Pasta will be made available to all under this new Order.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio 25^A for action/information

G.P.S. *PSK*

D.C.P.S. *AL*

Police

Prisons

Fire & C.D.

Regn. & Licensing

EX. Officer *PW*

Remarks:

*Capt Powell: Prepare
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transmission by me* *PSK*

Capt Powell

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Radio *2417* for ~~action~~/information

✓ G.P.S. *2417*

D.C.P.S. *2417*

Police

Prisons

Fire & C.D.

Regn. & Licensing

Ex. Officer *2417*

Remarks:

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5. Publication. The publication of sentences imposed on prostitutes is being considered. You will be advised of any decision reached.

6. The Regional Commissioner, Region III, the only Region concerned in this problem at the moment, has the matter constantly before him. Both the Regional Commissioner and this Headquarters will render you every assistance in your campaign.

M. S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner.

Copies to:

Region III
Admin. Sect., for P.M. & Legal
Public Safety

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 REAR BRIGADIER
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 Public Safety Sub-Commission
 APO 304

AOS/14000/25

22 April 1944

SUBJECT: Prostitution and VD

TO : SACs, Regions

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COP. 3. AND 5th and 8th copies. (two each)

1. Attached memorandum AOS/14000/1 dated 13 April 1944, and attachments, issued by Legal Sub-Commission, is passed to you for information and distribution to Provincial Public Safety Officers.

W. W. L. S.
 PAUL S. KING Major
 Colonel, Inf.
 Chief, Public Safety
 Sub-Commission

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Public Safety Sub - 2

THE ITALIAN ARMY

ARMED OFFICIAL COMMISSION

Legal Subcommission

APC 194

27A 4060 R.

400/402B/2

19 April 1944

SUBJECT: Prostitution and V.D.

TO : ILOs Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 (APC 194s)
SLOs 5th & 6th Armies (APC 194s).

1. The military authorities are constantly requesting assistance from the various subcommissions of APC concerned (Public Health, Public Safety, Legal, etc.) in order to secure from the Italian authorities full cooperation in their endeavors to minimize the diffusion of venereal diseases among allied troops.

2. The Legal Subcommission in turn has made strong representations to the Ministry of Justice with a view to obtaining the results that the latter house procedure followed by Italian judicial and police officials in relation to VD offences be tightened up.

3. Consequently, the Ministry has issued a number of directives and memoranda to the various officials concerned and it will be the duty of ILOs in the field to see that these directives are implemented.

4. It must be borne in mind that Italian law gives the judicial and police officials ample means to fight prostitution and the various activities connected therewith. ILOs should see that the "Repubblica Ministero" and the judges are given no latitude in applying the letter of the law in the spirit set out in the Minister's instructions to all Procuratori Generali and Procuratori del Re.

5. A synopsis of the provisions of the law in relation to prostitution together with copies of a number of directives and memoranda published by the Ministry of Justice are enclosed in order that ILOs may be in a position to supervise the activities of the Italian officials concerned.

6. Such supervision will obviously be easier in ILO territory than ILOs can give direct instructions to all Italian officials. In contested territory particularly, however, ILOs should resort at once to their Subcommission and actions by Italian judicial personnel tending to evade, not aside or ignore the formal instructions received by them from their superior officials in the above sense.

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6. ILOs, Major
Office: 1/3 Italian
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R. G. HARRINGTON, Major

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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ANNEX 4

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ACC/4005/L

2 March 1944

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease, Brothels, Pimps, etc.

TO : Deputy Provost Marshall, HQ 3 District

Ref your PHO/3D/439 dated 26 Febr. 44.

1. Licensed prostitution is not allowed in England, but there is no federal law in the U.S. in this respect each State issuing its own legislation on the matter.

2. In Italy licensed prostitution is regulated by the provisions of the law on Public Safety of 18 June 1931 No. 773, Chapter VII, Articles 140 to 206.

3. As far as the law is concerned the above referred to articles provide:

Art. 190: At the request of the keeper or at their discretion, Public Safety authorities may declare premises where prostitution is exercised to be licensed premises.

Art. 191: No premises of this type can be opened without the license referred to in the preceding article; this provision is also applicable to premises where one person only exercises this practice. Penalty up to one year and 1,000 lire fine.

Art. 192: Public Safety authorities can close any such premises in the interest of morality, decency and public order.

Art. 193: Whoever desires to open a house of prostitution must fill in a special form provided by Public Safety authorities in which are determined the conditions and in which he may exercise his profession.

Art. 194: No premises used for prostitution can be notified without the authorization of the P.S. authority. List of persons who exercise prostitution in licensed premises must be submitted to the P.S. authority. If through negligence sanitary measures are not taken and an infected person is admitted, even for a short time, in the licensed premises, penalties up to one year and 5,000 lire can be imposed.

Art. 195: Hours of opening are determined by the P.S.

Ref your PRO/33/439 dated 26 Sept. 44.

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Art. 196: The following are forbidden in premises where prostitution is exercised:-

- (a) Gambling, dancing and any type of celebration.
- (b) The ready sale of food and drink.
- (c) Access to minors under 18.
- (d) Entering the premises carrying arms.

Penalties up to 6 months and 3,000 lire.

- Art. 197: Full rights of requisition at any time by P.S. authorities - and also of evacuation of all inmates.
- Art. 198: The keeper cannot receive gifts of money or other articles from the inmates. Penalty - up to 3 months and 5,000 lire.
- Art. 199: The keeper cannot retain an inmate wishing to leave the premises. Penalty up to 3 months and 5,000 lire.
- Art. 200: Prostitution premises shall be closed when:-
1. Venereal diseases are prevalent.
 2. Inmates are found among the inmates.
 3. Sanitary visits are not properly carried out.
 4. The keeper tries to prevent such visits.
 5. The keeper becomes an habitual offender under Art. 195 & 196.
 6. The house is in any case.
- Art. 201: All such premises can also be closed for general hygiene motives or other reasons left at the discretion of P.S. authorities.
- Art. 202: The keeper who maintains the premises open after the date of closing is liable to one year's imprisonment and 5000 lire fine.
- Art. 203: Whoever contravenes the above provisions cannot receive a license for a period of five years.
- Art. 204: One year is the minimum limit of time before any closed premises can be opened.
- Art. 205: P.S. authorities can at any time order sanitary visits of the inmates or send them to special cure places.
- Art. 206: Licenses are withdrawn if the keeper requests it when the premises are not used anymore for the exercise of prostitution.
- Art. 207: All reports against P.S. authority action can be made to Commission convened by the Prefect, etc.
- Art. 208: Incitement to debauchery is also forbidden, even by indirect means, in any public places.

- it is also formally forbidden:
- (a) to solicit by deeds or words in the streets.
 - (b) to stand in public places in an indecent attitude.
 - (c) to expose one's person at the windows or on the threshold of licensed premises.
 - (d) to give the address or indicate in any way the location of licensed premises or to offer means of procuring.
- Penalty up to six months.

2. Licenses are found among the inmates.
3. Sanitary visits are not properly carried out.
4. The keeper tries to prevent such visits.
5. The keeper becomes an habitual offender under art. 195 & 196.
6. The license is not used.

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4. It is hoped that this short synopsis of Italian legislation on the subject will answer most of the legal questions you are interested in. As prostitution control is entirely a police responsibility your letter has been passed to the Public Safety Sub-Commission together with a copy of our reply for their comments thereon and their observations on the question of fact.

G. P. MAYNARD for
Local Sub-Com.

Ministry of the Interior

ALBUQUERQUE "3"

To all Prefetti.

The Allied authorities have informed the Italian government that private doctors who treat military personnel for venereal diseases do not report the cases to proper quarters, as they are required to do by law. Thus the adoption of disciplinary and sanitary measures by the military authorities is made impossible. In order to obviate these difficulties, will you please inform the medical associations to the effect that soldiers are considered as "living in the community" and therefore in pursuance of the provisions of the Ministerial Decree of 23 April 1940, it is compulsory for the doctors to report all cases of syphilis, gonorrhea and venereal ulcers affecting military personnel which they may obtain knowledge of in the course of their professional activities.

All defaulters shall be punishable under the terms of Art. 251 of the consolidated text of the existing sanitary legislation. Please acknowledge.

The Minister.

ATTACHMENT "G"

Instructions to the following effect have been issued to all Procuratori Generali - Avvocati Generali - Procuratori del Re - Salerno.

Instructions for the cooperation with the Allied authorities in order to eliminate the spreading of V.D. among troops.

A.C.C. have requested the execution of the following instructions in order to prevent the spreading of V.D. among Allied troops.

It has been agreed with the Ministry of the Interior that, where necessary, mixed squads of Allied and Italian police shall be organized to patrol the streets and prevent prostitutes from circulating with impunity and thus gaining easy contact with Allied soldiers. For observation centers have also been created in order to increase the possibilities of curing venereal disease and of detecting symptoms of a suspicious character (discreet persons may be kept at these centers until cured).

It has been reported that the return in great numbers of contaminated prostitutes, who have been either apprehended (arrested) or arrested (arrested), and who have not been separated from the city, tends to increase the spread of the disease, especially where there are large numbers of these women.

The attention of all Procuratori del Re and District is therefore directed to the gravity of these women which have a direct effect on Allied military activity and they are hereby instructed to limit every assistance in their power in this connection to the Allied authorities. More especially, the judicial police will be subordinated to the necessary steps to prevent prostitutes exercising their venereal trade and, from the special authorized houses.

Furthermore, in cases of prostitution which are considered for reasons of public safety or against the prevailing rules shall apply:

(1) Prostitutes apprehended for reasons of public safety in accordance of Article 15 of Legge di Polizia D'ordine shall be sent to the observation and treatment centers. They shall not be returned to the prisons unless the doctors at the centers have declared them to be free from disease or even from suspected disease.

(2) Prostitutes apprehended pursuant to Art. 235 of the Code of Penal Procedure, or prostitutes arrested (arrested) shall be carefully examined by the doctors at the prisons. All those found to be infected or suspected of being infected shall be segregated from the healthy ones and given adequate treatment at the prisons. In any "sanitary" prison (i.e., a prison where persons are detained temporarily as distinct from one in which long-term prisoners serve sentences) is not organized for such treatment, the prostitutes shall be transferred to a judicial prison.

(3) The names of all prostitutes released from jail, for any reason whatsoever, shall be communicated by the Procurator concerned to the Italian Public Safety authorities who shall observe the relevant regulations of public safety in their cases.

(4) Care shall be taken to supervise both medical investigations and all proceedings connected with prostitution and other offences included in the general category in order to ensure that the various cases are adequately and properly dealt with.

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The attention of all governments of the Axis and the Allies is therefore directed to the gravity of these facts which have a direct effect on Allied military activity and they are hereby stated to be that every assistance in their power in this connection to the Allied authorities. More especially, the judicial police will be instructed to take all necessary steps to prevent prostitutes exercising their activities from the area for the special authorized houses.

Furthermore, in cases of prostitutes who are apprehended for reasons of public safety or arrested the following rules shall apply:

(1) Prostitutes apprehended for reasons of public safety in pursuance of article 15 of Legge di Polizia Sicurezza shall be sent to the observation and treatment centers. They will not be returned to the prisons unless the doctors at the centers have decided that they be free from disease or even from suspected disease.

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Appendix "B"

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES M. WILSON, COMMISSIONER OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

(A) By Italian law there are two distinct ways in which a person can be arrested by the police:-

(1) "arresto". This corresponds roughly to our own ideas of arrest and is regulated by rules laid down in the Code of Penal Procedure Arts. 247 and 250.

It is usually effected under an order or warrant issued by the judicial authorities. But cases when "arresto" can be made without such an order or warrant are set out in the Code of Penal Procedure Arts. 255, 256, 257, 259 and following and these cases are mainly those where persons are caught in the act of committing an offence (*flagrante delicto*).

The Code, then, sets out when the police (a) must have a warrant before making an arrest, (b) when they need not have a warrant, and (c) when they must proceed to arrest without a warrant.

In all cases however, the person arrested must be placed by the police at the disposal of the judicial authorities within 24 hours of making the arrest, unless a longer period of detention shall be ordered by the *Procuratore or Prettore* (Arts. 241 - 243 Code of Penal Procedure).

(2) *Verbo*. The distinction between this method of arrest and "arresto" above lies not in its immediate effect upon the person arrested, for in either case he is taken into custody, but in the procedure adopted towards such a suspected person after arrest.

(a) *Verbo* is regulated by Art. 256 of C.P.P. modified by a Royal Decree No. 15 of 20 January 14 whereby the police are empowered to apprehend or take into custody any person suspected of having committed a crime or who, in being interrogated by the police, attempts to escape. But the police may apprehend in this manner only such persons regarding whom they have reasonable grounds for suspecting as having committed or being concerned in, a crime for which the issue of a warrant of arrest would be necessary. Apprehension in such cases must be immediately notified to the judicial authorities.

(b) Under Art. 157 of the *Regole di Pubblica Sicurezza* a person may be apprehended by the police without being accused or even implicated or committing an offence, simply because he leads a suspicious or immoral life and when questioned by the police refuses to give them any explanation. By Art. 154 however the powers of the police in such cases are limited to ordering that the suspected person return to his domicile of origin, by a compulsory travel order (*obbligo di residenza*).

However, when it is difficult to establish the identity of the person so apprehended, he or she can be detained in custody for such a period of time until the police are satisfied as to his identity and morals.

(B) It is to be observed that, in so far as prostitutes are concerned, many more are apprehended by police patrols operating in town during the hours of darkness for security measures than are arrested for a specific offence.

Prostitutes so apprehended by the police who are found to be diseased may be detained in prison until cured. Vagrant persons arrested (*arrestati*), with or without warrant, must be dealt with in accordance with the Code of Penal Procedure, where it is laid down that such persons may be treated outside the gaol.

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MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

APPENDIX "B"

MEMORANDUM

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OBJECT AND RIGHT OF APPEAL AND PROVISIONAL LIBERTY IN CASES OF PROSTITUTION

When a prostitute arrested, tried and sentenced lodges an appeal or a recourse in Cassation, the provisions of art. 277 and following of the Code of Penal Procedure shall apply. These articles concern provisional freedom granted in order to protect the interests of the sentenced person.

Provisional freedom may be granted at any time during the proceedings and also (in accordance with the terms of R.D.N. of 31.1.1911, No. 42) pending recourse in Cassation, but cannot be granted in cases set out in Art. 255 of the Code of Penal Procedure.

The order of Provisional Liberty can be contested by the Pubblico Ministero. Liberty may be granted under bail.

In conclusion, the detainee has no right to be liberated pending appeal unless her preventive detention exceeds the amount of the sentence.

Provisional Freedom falls within the discretionary powers of the judge, except in cases under Art. 255 of Code of Penal Procedure as stated above.

On the other hand the granting of Conditional Liberty under Art. 176 of the Penal Code is not applicable, as the sentence is not final (if an appeal is lodged).

Note: "Provisional Liberty" is freedom granted by a judge before sentence is actually pronounced.

"Conditional Liberty" is probationary freedom granted after pronouncement of sentence which has imposed imprisonment under a final judgment.

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

5 April 1944.

ACC/11060/PS

SUBJECT: Unlawful prostitution.

TO : Executive Commissioner, R.C. & M.C. Section.

1. With reference to letter ACC/11060/PS dated 20th March 1944 enclosing a letter sent by the Minister of the Interior to Quasaro on the subject of prostitution, the Minister has now addressed a further letter, dated 30th March 1944, to all Police Authorities in unoccupied Italy urging energetic measures to deal with the problem.

2. A translation of the letter is enclosed for your information.

PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

PM/c

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TRANSMISSION

REF ID: A67142

SUBJECT: Changing Situation

TO : All U.S. Consulate in Italy.

10 March 1944

With reference to the circular of 30281/0, of 18th inst., concerning preventive and repressive measures against clandestine prostitution, this Minister orders that great dangers and shameful activity must be avoided once for all on account of the consequences to Allied troops and to the reputation of the Italian people as well. Police forces are ordered to carry out said measures with every means at their disposal.

Boys in rags are seen everywhere. Allied military men in the streets either to point out irreparable harm to them where harmful prostitution is exercised on a large scale and alcoholic drinks are sold or ask them candies, cigarettes, etc. such shameful rights proves to be a disgrace to the dignity of this country.

It is necessary therefore that the present must give way to their dependent police forces in order to arrange for the organization of special urban squadrons in the vicinity of Urbino (town square) the latter with the special task of sending boys back to the care of their parents. A special change may be made when the boys have abandoned their children. At the same time the boys will be forwarded to the island for the children in the orphanage of Urbino and all children who cannot avail themselves of their parents' care either on account of the miserable social condition of the father or because work keeps him far from their communities.

Also we will advise from the fact that Allied military men in company of urban or all-urban boys only and found the said persons shameful acts. We believe that this evil may be effectively fought by intensifying the vigilance against the delivery and prostitution of women. The latter will be sent to the military or compelled to go back to their place of domicile or being to the measures provided and the previous circular letter.

With the purpose of avoiding eventual retaliation and punishment incident which might be raised by Allied military men who are in company of such women, it must be a desirable to instruct such men to a special fixed urban squadron in the amount of 2.5 or 3 men and Allied Police.

The above mentioned measures are shown to be most advisable. Discretionary measures may be taken where the situation requires.

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even means of their disposal.
In some cases, such as the case of the military men in the
provinces, either no point can be made in the case where the
military prostitution is exercised on a large scale and alcohol
drinks are sold on the same premises, etc. In such cases,
the military men are to be given the benefit of this country.

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order in their dependent police forces in order to arrange for
the organization of special military squadrons including the military
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made and at present it has been abandoned their children. At the
same time, it will be recommended to the military men for the abolition
of the military men and all children who cannot avoid their
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social condition of the latter or because work hours (the military men
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the measures provided and the military men's letter.

With the aim of avoiding any military men's and military men's
incident which might be raised by the military men who are in
company of such men, it would be advisable to instruct each military man
to a special sized military man's squadrons including the military men of the military men
and military men.

The above mentioned measures are thought to be most advisable
Discretionary measures may be taken where the military men believe that
other measures are suitable for the particular circumstances in each
province.

This Ministry is confident that measures of this sort will
be quickly and effectively be carried out by the military men who
under a strict direct personal control of the military men will at
any cost stop such evils that the military men's letter is in the
military men's letter.

Every military man's letter will be forwarded to this
Ministry.

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TRANSLATION

MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR

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Prot. N. 50148/10

Salerno, 30 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Clandestine Prostitution.

TO : P.S. Sub-Com., ACC.

In sending you copy of circular N. 50148/10, issued on 28th inst. we assure you that all important information in periodical reports sent to us by the Prefetti will be forwarded to your Commission.

The Minister.

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Ministero dell'Interno

N. 50148/IO

Risposta alla lettera

N. 14060/P. del 23 corr.

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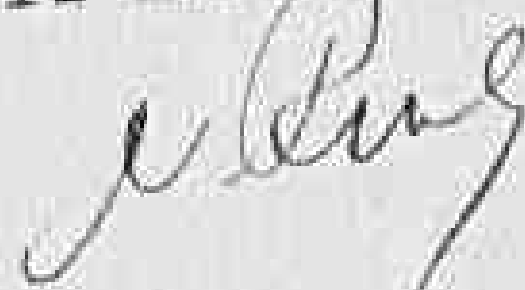
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Nel trasmettere copia della circolare n. 50148/IO, diramata in data 28 corrente in merito all'oggetto, si assicura che saranno sollecitamente inoltrate a coeale On. Commissione tutte le notizie salienti, che saranno desunte dalle relazioni periodiche, richieste alle LL.EE. i Prefetti.

IL MINISTRO

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TRANSLATION

MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR

Salerno, 30 March 1944. 253

N. 50148/10

SUBJECT: Clandestine Prostitution.

TO All. ~~P.12~~. Prefetti of King's Italy.

With reference to the circular of ~~above-number~~ 50081/10, of 18th inst. concerning preventive and repressive measures against clandestine prostitution, this Ministry orders that such dangerous and shameful activity must be stopped once and for all on account of its consequences to Allied troops and to the reputation of the Italian people as well. Police forces are ordered to carry out said measures with every means at their disposal.

Boys ~~and~~ in rags are seen approaching Allied military men ~~either~~ in the streets either to point out ~~this~~ disreputable houses to them where unlawful prostitution is exercised on a large scale and alcoholic drinks are sold or to ask them candies, cigarettes, etc. Such painful sights proves to be an offense to the dignity of this country.

It is necessary therefore that the Prefetti should give speedy orders to their dependent police forces in order to arrange for the organization of special patrol squadrons including the Vigili Urbani (town guards), the latter with the special task of sending boys back to the care of their parents. A penal charge may be urged against parents who have abandoned their children. At the same time orders will be forwarded to the Sindaci for the sheltering in Orphanages of orphans and all children who cannot avail themselves of their parents' care either on account of the miserable social conditions of the latter or because work keeps them far from their own children.

Another evil arises from the fact ~~that~~ that Allied military men in company of women of ill-repute hire cabs and during the ride perform unlawful acts. We believe that this evil may be effectively fought by forfeiting the circulation permit to drivers and by prosecuting women. The latter will be also sent to V.D. Hospitals or compelled to go back to their place of domicile according to the measures provided and the previous circular letter.

With the purpose of avoiding eventual reactions and subsequent incidents which might be raised by the Allied military men who are in company of such women, it would be advisable to entrust such duty to a special mixed patrol squadron including Agenti of P.S. or CCRR and Allied Policemen.

The above-mentioned measures are thought to be most advisable; discretionary measures may be taken where the Prefetti believe that other actions are suitable for the particular circumstances in each Province.

This Ministry is confident that measures of this sort will speedily and effectively be carried out by the Police forces who under a straight personal control of the Prefetti will at any cost stop such evils that the Allied authorities are justifiably alarmed at.

Every fortnight a detailed report will be forwarded to this Ministry.

The Minister.

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Ministero dell'Interno
Direzione P.S.

N. 50148/10

Risposta alla lettera

N. del

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Prostituzione clandestina

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AL COMANDO DELL'ARMA dei CC. RR.
l'Italia liberata.

CAVA dei TIRRENI

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Accade infatti che molti fanciulli, leceri e sudici, popolano le case, in istato di completo abbandono, ed avvicinano all'orecchio delle Forze Alleate, sia per indicare case dove donne di facili costumi esercitano su vasta scala la prostituzione clandestina, o vengono vendute bevande alcoliche, sia per chiedere iolaiumi, caramelle, sigarette ecc., offrendo così uno spettacolo penoso, che suona offesa alla dignità della nazione.

Occorre quindi che tale doloroso fenomeno sia affrontato con tutta la urgenza che merita la sua gravità, e s'impartiscano pertanto le seguenti direttive di massima:

Prostituzione clandestina

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E' anzitutto necessario che le LL.BB. i Prefetti di ²⁴collezione e rigorose istruzioni ai dipendenti organi di polizia, per la costituzione di squadre di rastrellamento, alla composizione delle quali debbono concorrere anche i vigili Urbani, per identificare i fanciulli abbandonati nelle strade, che dovranno essere affidati ai genitori, con fiducia di averne cura, senza alcun pregiudizio di una severa persecuzione penale a carico di questi ultimi, per abbandono, ove ne ricorrano gli estremi.

Garanno nel contempo impartite disposizioni ai Sindaci, perchè per

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vedano al ricovero in orfanotrofio di tutti i fanciulli orfani, o di quelli che non possono giovare dell'assistenza materiale e morale dei genitori, i quali, per condizioni ambientali e sociali, ovvero perchè distretti da tale compito per necessità di lavoro, non diano sicuro affidamento in proposito.

Altro inconveniente è poi rappresentato dal fatto che militari Alleati, prendono a volo vetture e cavalli, insieme a donne compiacenti che, durante la corsa, non lesinano i loro favori.

Siffatto sconcio deve assolutamente cessare, e si ritiene che esso possa essere efficacemente combattuto, procedendo a carico dei vetturini, col ritiro della licenza, e denunziando le donne per atti osceni, indipendentemente dal rimpatrio coattivo e dal ricovero in sale celliche, giusta quanto già è stato comunicato con la precitata circolare.

Allo scopo, poi, di evitare eventuali reazioni e conseguenti incidenti da parte dei militari delle truppe Alleate, che alle donne si accompagnano, si prospetta la opportunità di affidare, di regola, tali servizi alle squadre miste, composte di Agenti di P.S. o di G.U.R.R. e di elementi della polizia militare Alleata.

Le disposizioni dianzi citate hanno carattere meramente indicativo: si lascia pertanto alla discrezionalità delle U.E. l'attuazione di tutte quelle misure che dovessero revolversi meglio indicate in rapporto a particolari condizioni ambientali.

Questo Ministero confida nella pronta ed efficace esecuzione delle norme contenute nella presente circolare, e nella intelligente iniziativa degli organi di polizia, che, sotto il personale controllo delle U.E., dovranno senz'altro stroncare gli inconvenienti citati, che bene a ragione preoccupano la autorità Alleata, e resta in attesa di un cortese sollecito cenno di assicurazione e di un dettagliato rapporto quindicinale

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INAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

B/F on 13062
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30 March 1944

AGC/14060/23

SUBJECT: V.D. Conference.

TO : C.P.C.

1. At 1000 hours 28 March 1944 I accompanied Col. Young DOPS at a Conference held at HQ No. 3 District, on the subject of V.D. and steps to combat its prevalence among troops.

2. Major Gen. Collier, Commanding No. 3 District was Chairman, and the conference was attended by Sub-Area Commanders, and Heads of representative Services.

3. The means to reduce V.D. amongst troops were mainly considered and discussed from the Military angle, that is - what efforts can the Army Commanders make to bring about an improvement. It was pointed out that nearly one third of the admissions to Hospital in No. 3 District were due to V.D.

4. Several methods of imposing monetary penalties and disciplinary punishment were discussed and it was agreed that strict discipline must be exercised as a deterrent to troops contracting V.D.

5. Among recommendations to be made to the Army Council were:-

- (a) Setting up of special hospitals for V.D. cases, such establishments to lack the ordinary comforts and amenities of General Hospitals.
- (b) A scheme whereby any soldier contracting V.D. forfeits his priority to demobilization.

6. The provision of adequate E.A. Centers and suitable propaganda posters, films and lectures for troops were discussed and action to be taken indicated. Action already being taken in reference to the control of wine shops, brothels, and the placing of undesirable districts "cut of bounds" was considered to be good and adequate.

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- (i) New AGC proclamation in course of promulgation re control of prostitution.
- (ii) Vigorous enforcement of existing laws.
- (iii) More employment of women to relieve them of the necessity of prostitution as a means of livelihood.
- (iv) Welfare and relief of women and children.
- (v) More sports and entertainment facilities for troops.

8. In closing the conference, the Chairman emphasised the prevalence of V.D. amongst troops and stated that while no single remedy was available or could be applied, the combination of several potential remedies, though singly not effective or likely to be 100% enforceable, the total of all efforts energetically applied should have some effect on the situation.

B. R. Powell

B. R. POWELL,
Capt. Admin. Officer

HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

23 March 1944.

ACC/14060/PS

SUBJECT: Clandestine Prostitution.

TO : His Excellency, Signor Vito Reale, Minister of the
Interior, Salerno.

1. I wish to thank you very much for your prompt and energetic action in complying with our request in connection with the above subject. I should appreciate greatly the receipt of periodic reports, as suggested by you in our conference, when the same are available.

PAUL C. KIRK,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

SUBJECT : Y.D.

27 March 1944

TO : Legal Sub-Commission

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Reference your AGC/4028/L of 18 March 1944, the inclosure
therewith has been studied, and the terms of it are agreed to; I have
no comments to offer.

A.S. YOUNG, Colonel,
D.C.P.S.

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
A/C 396
Public Health Sub-Commission

ACC/3023/PH

23 March 1944

SUBJECT: - Instructions for Cooperation in Eliminating
the Spread of VD Among Troops.

TO: - Legal Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your ACC/4628/L dated 18 March, it is suggested that paragraph 3 be deleted from the instructions.

2. This Sub-Commission has no knowledge of emphasizing the contention put forward by the Italian authorities, nor does it in fact, consider the contention to be entirely justifiable from a scientific point of view.

3. The present policy of this Sub-Commission is, that once prostitutes have been arrested, they should not be put in jail immediately but should first be removed to hospital where it can be ascertained with greater accuracy than at the questura, whether or not they are infected.

4. During the period of examination in hospital it may also be discovered that a violation of the law cannot be proved against them and so no question of their incarceration will arise.

5. It is, therefore, suggested that instead of paragraph 3 be put forward by the Italian authorities, the following be substituted: -

"When prostitutes are arrested, they should first be taken to hospital where they will be detained until it is established whether or not they are infected. If infected, they will be retained until they are rendered non-infective; if not infected, they will be released into custody if a charge has been proved against them."

6. By this means, the problem of detaining infected and non-infected women together in jail is completely eliminated, in addition, provision is made for more accurate diagnosis, while the possibility of bribery is largely eliminated.

7. Apart from this alteration to paragraph 3, no other comment is considered necessary.

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G. S. PARKINSON, Brigadier
Director, Public Health Sub-Commission

Copy to: - Public Safety Sub-Commission.
" " : - Major J. A. Lewis, VD Control Officer,
ACC, Main Headquarters.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. REGION III
APO 904

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Ref/43/41/CA

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14 March 51

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease.

T.C. : Vice President, Admin Section,
Regional Commissioner, Region III

1. Further to this HQ letter 20A/41/CA of 15 March 1951.
2. Attached copies of note on V.D. by No. 3 District commander are passed for information of R.C. Region III, Public Health and Public Safety Sub-Commissions.

(S) J. DRIFFIELD WHITE, MAJOR CL
For MURRAY E. FLECK Colonel,
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

Dials: Admin Sec (2)
R.C. Reg III (1)

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Subject : VD

CONFIDENTIAL

Note by the District Commander

1. Last week nearly one-third of the admissions to hospital in 3 District were due to VD.

2. My own view, with which I think most officers agree, is that by far the most effective steps would be the establishment of approved brothels properly controlled by the military authorities. Although I am prepared to recommend this yet again to higher authority, I have little hope of the recommendation being accepted as it would involve a complete change of policy on the part of H.M. Government.

The practical problem which we have therefore to face is how can we, in the absence of approved brothels, improve the present deplorable situation.

3. Broadly speaking it is a matter of good discipline and good welfare. Hitherto the tendency has been to concentrate on putting areas out of bounds, putting infected women into hospital for treatment or even locking them up, and generally removing temptation from the soldier.

Undoubtedly we must take every possible step to reduce VD - no one means will be effective by itself - but the number of infected women in Italy is so enormous that we can never do much more than touch the fringe of the problem in dealing with them.

I think we must change the emphasis and must concentrate our efforts more on the soldier himself, i.e. we must tighten up discipline. To my mind the soldier who contracts VD and so renders himself unfit for duty is in exactly the same category as the man who renders himself unfit for duty by getting drunk, except that VD lasts longer and is therefore the more serious crime. The man who gets drunk is automatically brought up on a charge and punished. At present the man who gets VD is not, which is absurd.

4. I am going into the legal aspect of this, and if it is legally possible I am going to order that all soldiers who get VD are to be brought before their COs and be given exemplary punishment. Whether a man did or did not use precautions is to my mind irrelevant, and should not, I consider, be admitted as a plea in mitigation. The offender has deliberately run the risk of making himself unfit for duty and, if he gets VD, must take the consequences. If he conceals VD he should of course be tried by court-martial.

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Subject : VD

CONFIDENTIAL

Note by the District Commander

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PART I THE SOLDIER.

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3.	Punishment for concealment	Trial by FEGM	Do so invariably. GRO 161/44.
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 - (iii) sell no food
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PART II - PROSTITUTES AND PROPS.

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17. Outlaw for children under 16.

Enforce in all towns from - 1800
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18. Clinics for prostitutes

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22. Examination of women before admission to brothels.

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23. Internment camps for
(a) Infected prostitutes
(b) Non-infected prostitutes.

None

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FROM DISTREE 231050A

TO REGION III ACC PUBLIC HEALTH SUB COMMISSION ACC PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION ACC

ACTION COPY

QOX GR 14

Concerns V.D. Conference

A211 REF 173/A DATED 11. MEETING POSTPONED UNTIL 28 SAME TIME. ACK ALL INFORMED.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/14060/PS

20 Mar 44

SUBJECT : Venereal Disease.TO : Executive Commissioner, HQ ACC APO 394

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1. Reference your 23h/14/CA dated 3 Mar 44, the attached are forwarded for information. They indicate the action taken by Public Safety Sub Comm in the matter, and also that initiated by the Italian Ministry of Interior. (Public Safety Department).
 2. In view of the observations made in para. 2 of enclosure "B", it is requested that action be taken to emphasise to Regional Commissioners the primary police authority responsible for the enforcement of prostitution laws.

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STANSGATE,
VP Adm Sec.

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Incls: (2) "A" Letter from Minister of Interior to Questura, 50031/10 dated 13 Mar 44.

"B" Letter from Public Safety Sub Comm to VP Adm Sec, ACC/14060/PS dated 13 Mar 44.

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
P.S. Directorate

No. 50081/10

Salerno 18.3.44

Translation.

SUBJECT: Unlawful Prostitution

Unlawful prostitution has assumed alarming proportions which has caused justifiable uneasiness on the part of the Allied Authorities on account of its harmful consequences to the Allied troops.

Such a state of affairs which proves to be an offence to the moral feeling of the Italian people, must be fought energetically and by adequate means. Therefore, it is necessary that Police Agencies should intervene with both preventive and repressive measures, in addition to the prophylactic and sanitary measures previously adopted.

In this connection it is absolutely necessary broad powers be granted to the different police agencies, such as Agents of Pubblica Sicurezza and Allied Military Police so that these unlawful practices will stop by confining prostitutes in venereal hospitals until they are fully cured if they prove to be affected with a venereal disease; otherwise be kept under close observation until they are fully satisfied that they are free from any infection.

This mixed patrol will constitute an effective means for termination of these unlawful practices since it allows the arrest of prostitutes who are in the company of Allied troops.

It is not necessary today that all prostitutes will be sent back to their own town with instructions never to return in conformity with Art. 157 of the T.O. Public Safety laws, in order to combat the influx of women from nearby towns in those areas where a great number of troops are stationed. These preventive steps are independent of the criminal action which can be instituted against those who entice the soldier by some unmistakable action, and against those who are affected with gonorrhoea and syphilis. Particular attention must be given to the discovery of these prostitutes and against those who make it a practice of acquiring money by immoral activity.

In order to facilitate the work of the Questura in carrying out their duty, it has been ordered that the provincial physicians shall send to the police agencies the names of prostitutes whenever the latter are dismissed from the hospital. It is advisable, moreover, that direct communications between the provincial physicians and the Questori, should be practiced in order to avoid omissions, and delays.

This ministry believes that said functions should be carried out as a special task under the direct and personal control of the Questori and only awaits receipt of approval in this regard.

THE MINISTER

Copy of letter addressed to Questura by M.E. Questori of Salerno 2430

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

18 March 1944

ACC/14060/PS

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease.

TO : Vice President, Admin. Section ACC.

1. Pursuant to your instructions, a conference was had with the Minister of the Interior regarding the above subject in which strong representations were made to him of the necessity for vigorous enforcement of the existing Italian laws pertaining to prostitution, etc. He gave me his assurance that he would take immediate steps to bring about maximum enforcement by the agencies at his disposal. He volunteered to submit a periodic report of progress.
2. I note that in Brig. Lush's letter to you he asserts that the law is not being effectively administered by the Carabinieri or the Courts. In this connection I wish to point out that while in view of the magnitude of the problem, the efforts of all should be directed to meet it, the fact is that the primary responsibility for the enforcement of laws of this type so far as Italian agencies are concerned rests upon the Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza, and not upon the Carabinieri. It is suggested that Brigadier Lush's letter to the RC's should emphasize that fact.
3. Prior to the receipt of your communication, this Sub-Commission was represented at the conferences conducted by Dist. #1 and Dist #2 dealing with the same subject. A conference to be conducted by District No. 3 will soon be held, and Col. Young, as suggested by Brig. Lush, will attend.
4. Lt. Philby, in accordance with instructions earlier given by me is preparing a memorandum on the practical application of Italian law relative to this subject which may prove useful.

Paul G. Kirk
PAUL G. KIRK
Colonel, Inf
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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Copy of M.D.'s letter to Quastar is in process translation & will be submitted

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*Admin Section for
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/234/43/CA.

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23 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease.

TO : Regional Commissioners,
Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VIII, & IX.
SCAO ANG 8 Army.
SCAO ANG 5 Army.

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1. Further to this H.Q. letter 234/13/CA of 8 Mar 44.
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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Admin. Section - For P.S. Sub-Commission.

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
P.S. DIRECTORATE

Salerno, March 18, 1944

Reserved Urgent

No. 60081/10

TO

Subject: Unlawful prostitution

I am sending you, for your information, copy of a circular letter concerning the above mentioned subject sent out by this Ministry to all Prefecture of Liberated Italy.

The Minister

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Salerno, 18/3/1944

Ministero dell'Interno

RISERVATA URGENTE

Direzione P. S.
N. 60081/10

All. 1
Risposta alla lettera

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On. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
di CONTROLLO
Sottocommissione di P. S.

OGGETTO

S A L E R N O

Prostituzione clandestina.

Per doverosa conoscenza, si trasmette copia di una circolare, diramata da questo Ministero a tutte le Prefetture dell'Italia Liberata, in merito all'oggetto.

IL MINISTRO

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Ministero dell'Interno

Direzione P. S.

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Risposta alla lettera

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Prostituzione clandestina.

Salerno, 18/3/1944

Alle LL. EE. I PREFETTI di

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DIREZIONE GENERALE DI SANITA' - SEDE

A S. E. L'ALTO COMMISSARIO per la

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SICILIA

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Particolare attenzione dovrà essere posta alle indagini interse alla identificazione di case clandestine e di tutte quelle losche figure che vivono ai margini di tale immorale attività.

Perchè l'opera delle Questure sia agevolata nella esecuzione

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di tali servizi, si è disposto che i medici provinciali segnalino a detti organi di Polizia tutte le prostitute, di volta in volta dimesse dalle sale celliche. E' opportuno, peraltro, che in tale campo si concretino dirette intese tra i Medici Provinciali ed i Questori, per evitare omissioni o ritardi.

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vuta e di assicurazione al riguardo.

IL MINISTRO
R/to REALE

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HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Legal Subcommittee
APO 394

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ACC/4028/L

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18 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Instructions for cooperation in eliminating the spreading of venereal diseases among Allied troops.

TO : Public Health Subcommittee.
Public Safety Subcommittee.

1. Herewith a translation of Instructions on the above subject which the Minister of Pardon and Justice proposes to issue to Procuratori Generali and Procuratori del Re.

2. Please inform this Subcommittee at your earliest convenience whether these Instructions meet with your approval. Any comment is invited.

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A. R. Thackrah
A. R. THACKRAH, Major
for Chief Legal Officer.

Enclosed: 1 translation.

TRANSLATION - L. STEIN. - 17 March 44.

AOC/4028A

MINISTRY OF WARREN AND JUSTICE
Office of the Director General for Penal Matters.

SUBJECT: Instructions for cooperation in eliminating the spreading of venereal diseases among Allied troops.

To P. Procuratori Generali
To Sig. Procuratori del Re.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

18 March 1944

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease.

TO : Vice President, Admin. Section ACC.

1. Pursuant to your instructions, a conference was had with the Minister of the Interior regarding the above subject in which strong representations were made to him of the necessity for vigorous enforcement of the existing Italian laws pertaining to prostitution, etc. He gave me his assurance that he would take immediate steps to bring about maximum enforcement by the agencies at his disposal. He volunteered to submit a periodic report of progress.
2. I note that in Brig. Lush's letter to you he asserts that the law is not being effectively administered by the Carabinieri or the Courts. In this connection I wish to point out that while in view of the magnitude of the problem, the efforts of all should be directed to meet it, the fact is that the primary responsibility for the enforcement of laws of this type, so far as Italian agencies are concerned, rests upon the Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza, and not upon the Carabinieri. It is suggested that Brigadier Lush's letter to the AC's should emphasize that fact.
3. Prior to the receipt of your communication, this Sub-Commission was represented at the conferences conducted by Dist. #1 and Dist. #2 dealing with the same subject. A conference to be conducted by District No. 3 will soon be held, and Col. Young, as suggested by Brig. Lush, will attend.
4. Lt. Philby, in accordance with instructions earlier given by me is preparing a memorandum on the practical application of Italian law relative to this subject which may prove useful.

PAUL C. KIRK
Colonel, Inf
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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17 March 1944
 In connection, with annexed,
 Conf. Beale, who will send
 strong message to Guastore. ^{13A}
 enforcement of existing law,
 & who incidentally recommends
 secured brothels for troops. Copy of
 his letter will be sent to us, &
 report of action taken weekly.
 Other action, earlier taken by
 P.S. Sub. Comm.:-

Remarks at conf.

Attendance at 1st meeting
 Consultation by Philby w.
 view to getting practical
 means to C's in field.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission 16 MAR 1944

~~Police~~ for action/information

- C.P.S.
- D.C.P.S.
- Police
- Prisons
- Fire & C.D.
- Rega. & Licensing
- Adm. Officer

Remarks:
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..... at Home
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Sub with CPS. off H. H. H.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Administrative Section

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11 March 1944

ACC/3029/PH

Subject: Venereal Disease.

To : Legal
PS
PH

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1. Reference attached copies of correspondence from Executive Commissioner, the following action will be take.

(a) Legal will make necessary arrangements with Minister of Justice to effect Para 4 and Para 2 insofar as it concerns that Ministry.

(b) PS in conjunction with PH will make the representations required in Para 2 with Ministry of Interior.

2. Sub-Commissions concerned will report program and action taken by Ministries to their section by 17 March.

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VP Adm Sec.

Copies to:
Interior
WC & MG Sec.

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Ref: 234/14/CA.

3th March 1944.

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease.

TO : Vice President,
Administrative Section.

1. I attach copies of letters addressed to Chief Administrative Officer, H. G. 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.

BSL/10.

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

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Regional Control and Military Government Section

Ref: 234/12/CA

3th March 1944

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease.

TO: Chief Administrative Officer,
Headquarters, A.C.M.F.

I refer to your AGMF/3073/A (9) dated 1 Mar 44.

1. The Chief Commissioner is most anxious to co-operate in the prevention of venereal disease amongst Allied troops and I am directed by him to say that everything will be done both in areas under Military Government to assist the troops.
2. In the opinion of the Chief Commissioner, the law, both Allied and Italian, is sufficient as it stands. Pimping, procurement, solicitation, are offences under Italian law which is administered by both Italian and Allied Military Courts and which 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 courts of 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 A.M.G. to see that the Allied Military Courts deal severely with all cases affecting the morale 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 basically the prevention of venereal disease lies in the degree of discipline amongst the troops themselves.

MSL/JG.

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

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C O P Y

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Subject: AMC Penal Code.

HQ ADME (Admin Ben)
CME.
ADME/3873/A (C)
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 offenses against the AMC penal code.
2. Will you kindly inform this H.Q. whether it would be possible to include these actions as offenses 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. If such procedure 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, ICM,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 23W/13/3A
3th March 1944.

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease.

TO : Regional Commissioners,
Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VIII & IX,
G.C.A.O., AMU, 5 Army,
S.C.A.O., AMU, 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 diseases amongst Allied troops. While the matter is basically 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, procurement, 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 AMU or in territory under the Italian Government, to see that the laws against prostitution are administered resolutely and effectively.

4. In order to attain this and 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.

5. Provided a concerted drive is made by the Allied Military and Italian Police, by the Allied Courts and Italian Tribunals, and provided that Regional Commissioners instill into their provincial staffs the message to the Allied Forces which the spread of venereal disease is now causing, and provided that Regional administrative staffs see that this is applied, much can be done.

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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 internment of clandestine prostitutes, etc., but provided the law is effectively 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.

M. S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Public Safety Sub-Commission

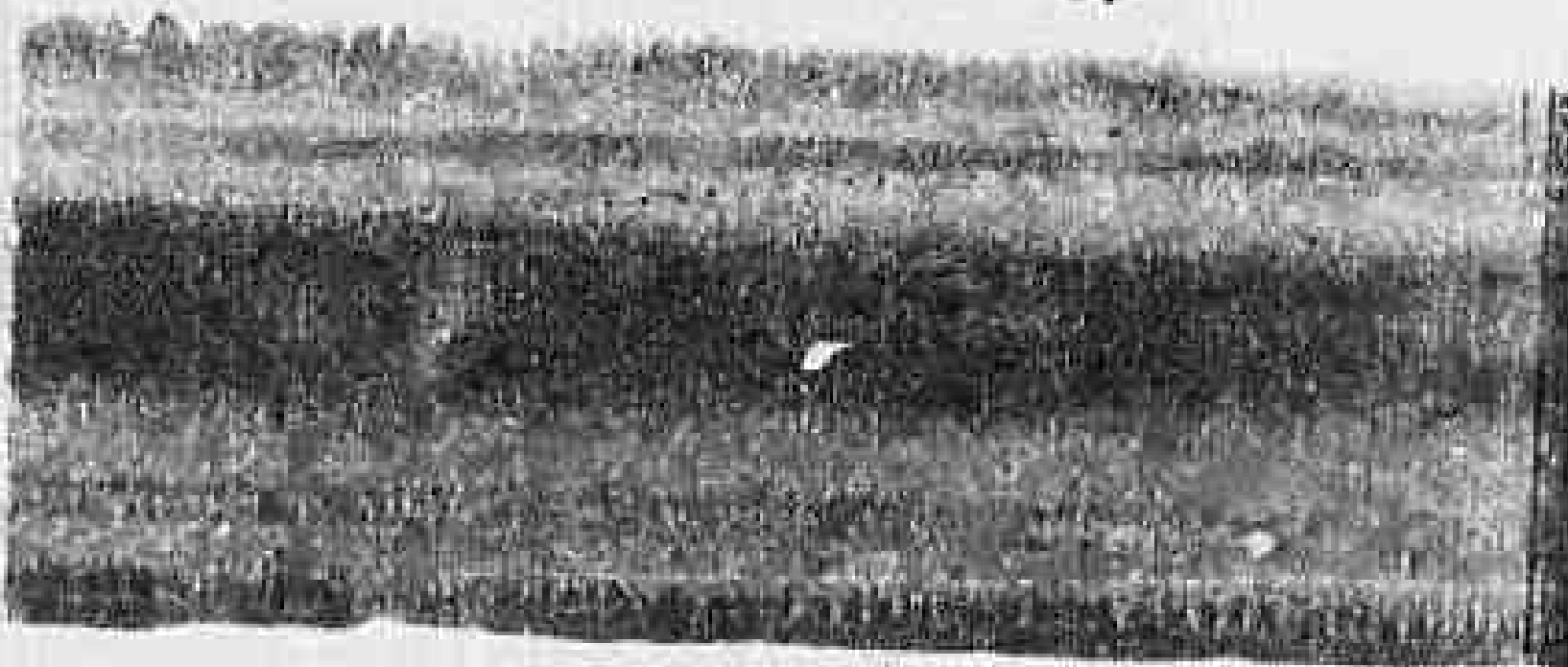
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Remarks:

3/4/44 - The basic communication
requested advice relating to Italian
laws for control prostitution. The
(see)

Communication was addressed
 to Legal S.C. ACC. Legal S.C.
 quoted the Law. All questions
 submitted by the writer appear to have
 been answered. It is agreed that
 Control of representation is a Matter!
 Public Health is also involved! Self-
 restraint, self-control, self-discipline
 on the part of individuals would
 reduce the V.D. spread - if practiced
 7/21/57



HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ACTION SHEET

15

3 March
Date

Suspense

FROM	TO
Chief Commissioner	
Deputy Chief Commissioner	
Secretary General	
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Economic Section	
Reg. Control & M.G. Section	
Political Section	
Interior Sub Commission	
Public Safety Sub-Commission	☒
Public Health Sub-Commission	
Property Control Sub-Comm.	
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Navy Sub-Commission	
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REMARKS:

Passed to Public
 Safety Sub-Commission for
 their observations and
 eventual action

J. H. Hammett

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 REAR HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 Legal Subcommittee
 APO 394.

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2 March 1944

ACC/4005/L

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease, Brothels, Pimps, etc.

TO : Deputy Provost Marshal, HQ 3 District.

Ref your MAC/3D/439 dated 26 Feb. 44.

1. Licensed prostitution is not allowed in England, but there is no Federal Law in the U.S. + in this respect, each State issuing its own legislation on the matter.

2. In Italy licensed prostitution is regulated by the provisions of the Law of Public Safety of 18 June 1931 No. 773, Chapter VII, Articles 190 to 208.

3. As far as the law is concerned the above referred to articles provide:

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Art. 195: Hours of opening are determined by the P.S. authorities.

Art. 196: The following are forbidden in premises where prostitution is exercised:

(a) Gambling, dancing and any type of celebration.

(b) The ready sale of food and drink.

(c) Access to minors under 18.

(d) Entering the premises carrying arms.

Penalties up to 6 months and 3,000 lire.

Art. 197: Full rights of perquisition at any time by P.S. authorities - and also of evacuation of all inmates.

Art. 198: The keeper cannot receive gifts of money or other articles from the inmates. Penalty - up to 3 months and 5,000 lire.

Art. 199: The keeper cannot retain an inmate wishing to leave the premises. Penalty up to three months and 5,000 lire.

Art. 200: Prostitution premises shall be closed when:

1. Venereal diseases are prevalent.
2. Minors are found among the inmates.
3. Sanitary visits are not properly carried out.
4. The keeper tries to prevent such visits.
5. The keeper becomes an habitual offender under Art. 195 & 196.
6. The laws, if any, ends.

Art. 201: All such premises can also be closed for general hygienic reasons or other reasons left at the discretion of the P.S. authorities.

Art. 202: The keeper who maintains the premises open after the date of closing is liable to one year imprisonment and 5000 lire fine.

Art. 203: Whoever contravenes the above provisions cannot receive a license for a period of five years.

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Art. 207: All appeals against P.S. authority action can be made to a Commission convened by the Prefect etc.

Art. 208: Incitement to debauchery is also forbidden, even by indirect means, in any public places.

It is also formally forbidden:

- (a) to solicit by deeds or words in the streets.
- (b) to stand in public places in an indecent attitude.
- (c) to expose one's person at the windows or on the threshold of licensed premises.
- (d) to give the address or indicate in any way the location of licensed premises or to offer means of procuring.

Penalty up to six months.

4. It is hoped that this short synopsis of Italian legislation on the subject will answer most of the legal questions.

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4. It is hoped that this short synopsis of Italian legislation on the subject will answer most of the legal questions you are interested in. As prostitution control is entirely a police responsibility your letter has been passed to the Public Safety Subcommittee together with a copy of our reply for their comments thereon and their observations on the questions of fact.

Copy to: Public Safety Subcommittee.

G. C. HANNAFORD, Major
Officer i/c Italian Section
for the Chief Legal Officer.

SUBJECT: Venerable Case - Italian law in regard to prostitution

HQ. 3 District.
Ext. 76
Ref PRO/3D/439
26 Feb. 1944

Legal Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission in CAP.

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Unlicensed prostitutes/...

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- (a) What is the penalty for pimping or acting as an agent for,
 - (1) A licensed brothel
 - (2) An unlicensed brothel or individual prostitute.
- (b) What steps are taken in respect of small boys under say 16 years of age ?
- (c) Many of the Barbers' shop act as agencies for brothels or individual prostitutes. If proved can the individual man be punished and the shop closed ?

6. Wine shops.

- (a) Do premises have to be licensed to sell wine ?
- (b) Is it legal to sell wine or intoxicants in a licensed brothel ?

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Lieut. Colonel.
Deputy Prevost Marshal.
H.Q. 3 District.

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NEAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission

22 February 1944.

450/11060/10

SUBJECT: V.D. Control.

TO : HCSO Region II.

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Reference to para 3 of Major Anderson's report on No. 2 District conference on this subject, (copy attached), it is considered that the primary responsibility for the Italian share in these duties should rest with the Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza, assisted where necessary by the GCRG.

PAUL G. KIRK,
Colonel, Infantry,
Chief, Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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38th AIRBORNE MEDICAL GROUP (H) AF
343rd BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON
C-100 OF THE 343rd BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON

AFD 820, C/O Postmaster,
New York, New York,
15 February 1944.

SUBJECT: Report of Venereal Disease Control.

TO : The Air Surgeon, Hq. Fifteenth Air Force, APO 820.

1. This report is submitted chiefly to show the lack of cooperation on the part of the Italian Government with regard to the control of venereal disease in this area.

2. On 30 January 1944 this officer together with a medical officer from the 385th Engineers went into the nearby town of Galatina in order to locate a prostitute who had infected a member of this organization. We were unable to locate the person as we took him to the Casino Hotel (brothel) where he was unable to identify either of the two women working there. In this brothel there are two licensed prostitutes who are supposed to be examined several times a month by Italian doctors and given a certificate. However, Captain Kingsley, Medical Officer for the 385th Engineers, identified a Maria Galea whom he had taken care of a few days previously and found them positive for Neisseria gonorrhea. He had taken the police of Galatina to the hotel and accompanied them with Maria back to the police station where he was assured she would be sent to the hospital in Lecce. After questioning her she told us that she had gone to the hospital in Lecce and been examined there four times by a Dr. Magliozzi. She further stated that he had found nothing and released her whereupon she resumed her practice of prostitution.

3. Since there were no American Military Police in Galatina several attempts were made to locate the infected woman in order to turn them over to the local police. This is a very difficult proposition because apparently the women float about from one place to another. For example a young procurer will take a soldier to a room in a private home then go get a girl and bring her back. She does not live in the home and does not use the same room all the time thereby increasing the difficulty of locating her. Even when you have to soldier get the same procurer and instruct him to get the same girl as will take you to the same room at least of the time bring a different girl. In such circumstances it is almost impossible to locate the prostitutes.

4. Since the venereal disease rate is rapidly rising among the troops it is recommended that military police be stationed in the town where soldiers frequent. In addition they should be given the authority to arrest anyone practicing prostitution and have her examined by an American doctor as it is obvious that either the Italian police are not cooperating or the Italian

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physicians are giving very superficial examinations.

JOSEPH A. DUGAN
Captain, MC
U.S. Control Officer.

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Commission, for the purpose of obtaining concerted action to lower venereal disease rates among military personnel. The specific objective of the Conference was the reduction of venereal exposures by the troops, as set forth in U.S. Army Regulations 40-11042.22.

2- The following Officers attended the Conference:

Name	Rank	Designation
R.J. Goldson	Lt. Col.	Surgeon HQ, 7th Army
Louis W. Kirkman	Lt. Col. M.C.	Surgeon HQ, I.B.S.
S.M. Mackenzie	Col.	BMG, HQ, Bc. 1 District Catania -
R.C. Crowell	Lt.	V.D. Control Officer MOB. Palermo -
Robert J. Hines	Major	H., I.B.S. Medical Sect.
John A. Lewis, JR	Major	V.D. Control Officer HQ., I.C.C.
Major E. Johnson	Major	V.D. Control Officer HQ., I.C.C.
W.A. Crook	Lt. Col.	I.C.C., P.S. Division Region I
B.H. Hattard	Major	I.C.C., Legal Division Region I
A.R.E.F. Roberts	Major	Provost Marshal's Office Island Base Section
Lewis D. Fritze	Major	" " " "
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F. Kernan	Capt.	P.M. HQ., 7th Army
M. Maurer	Capt.	HQ. 7th Army
D.C. MacDonald	Lt. Col.	Public Health Control Commissioner Region I

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3- An address of welcome was delivered by Lt. Colonel Charles Poletti, Regional Commissioner for Sicily. Col. Poletti referred to the co-operation that was to be expected from Italian Officials with regard to matters of military interest, and expressed his belief that this conference of experienced Officers would arrive at important decisions on action to be taken to lower the incidence of V.D. among the troops, quickly and effectively.

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4- The Chairman in his opening remarks emphasized the urgent need for intensive and coordinated action to reduce venereal exposures to troops, wherever stationed in enemy territory.

He stressed the intimate connection that exists between prostitution and the free sale or gift of intoxicating liquors by unlicensed persons to troops. This was also apparent from the economic point of view. The use of these bodies was bartered by women of all ages and even children for cigarettes and food.

5- The question of statistics was discussed. It was considered inadvisable at this stage to publish any actual figures.

6- Lt. Col. R. A. Snook, Public Safety Division, A.C.C. Region I, outlined the steps taken to co-ordinate the work of the Military Police and the Civil Police, as military aid was necessary to enable the Civil Police to arrest prostitutes and especially "pimps". For this purpose, "Squadre del Buco Costume" (Vice Squads) were formed, each composed of one M.I. and two civil policemen to patrol the streets.

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It was impractical, he said, to detain prostitutes on purely legal grounds. He was of opinion that the co-operation of the civil authorities should be increased if it was felt that where a prostitute is arrested in company with a soldier, disciplinary action follows for the soldier as well as for the woman.

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9- In the general discussion, several speakers stressed the importance of education, not only of the men but of the officers.

It was emphasized that the control of venereal disease is an immediate problem of primary interest to the Military Authorities and that all organizations, Military and Civil, would be required to give full co-operation. It must be brought home to individual Commands that they are responsible for the health of the troops under their command, and that their medical Officer is attached purely simply in an advisory capacity.

It was pointed out that a lot of publicity is being given to "easy cures" for gonorrhoea and syphilis, and, on this account, soldiers have become careless in exposing themselves to the risk of contracting diseases, which, to the medical profession, are known to be grave disorders.

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All suspects found to be infected will be treated, and methods of treatment, approved by S.C.C., will be used.

Every suspect who has leucorrhoea will be treated in exactly the same manner as those in which a definite diagnosis of gonorrhoea is made, without regard to the results of laboratory tests.

Immunity from hospitalization for diagnosis will not be granted to registered prostitutes whose "libretto sanitario" is apparently in order, as it is considered that the examinations on which certificates of "irrazion from venereal disease" are given, are not adequate for the purpose of this campaign.

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Col. Martin:-

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
no 374

20 Feb. 44

SUBJECT: V.D. Control Conference at Bari

TO : Chief, Public Safety Sub-Commission,
Hq., ACC

1. District 2 V.D. Conference was held in Bari at 2 Dist. Headquarters building, at 1000 hours, Feb. 17, 1944. Complete list of those in attendance and conclusions arrived at will be forwarded to the Public Safety Subcommission by Col. Johnston (E) c/o - i/c Administration Dist. 2.

2. The ACC Personnel present were:-

Public Safety:

Major Harold Anderson

Public Health:

Major E.E. Johnwich

(Unfortunately no representative of the Legal Sub-Commission was present, and matters requiring the attention of Legal ACC is being forwarded accordingly.)

3. It was agreed that wine shops will be controlled by

- a) Placing all but a selected approved few, off limits to military.
- b) Supervising selected shops by MF and carefully selected Italian personnel.
- c) Keeping pimps out of these shops and charging the CCRR with the responsibility of suppressing the operation of pimps and others of the same category.

4. It was agreed that Italian practices of allowing prostitution to continue for civilians would not be interfered with, but that all houses of prostitution would remain off limits to all Allied military personnel.

That all women frequenting bivouac areas or soliciting soldiers or infecting soldiers would be taken to a hospital for examination.

5. A Hospital of 200 beds will be made available at Bari to serve the immediate area by official order from District 2.

6. Women on admission will be examined 3 days (providing there is space to detain them) and on basis of finding a genito-urinary discharge or other evidence of infection will be treated accordingly. Outline of criteria to be laid down by ACC Public-Health was requested by Lt. Col. Hoffman 15th AF.

7. ~~a~~ Public-Health ACC to assist in ^A finding additional bed space when and where needed through liason with civilian authorities in Region II.

B. furnishing Anti-VD drugs these hospitals through Region II

8. Public Safety to carefully supervise the civil police in a program of repression of pimping and clandestine prostitution.

9. Dist 2 and 15 AF has offered to help in the technical supervision of hospitals by sending available medical personnel to check the work done at VD hospitals.

10. More Pro-stations are to be established and those existent are to be materially improved. It was suggested that a few barber shops which have lights and warm water available be converted into Pro-stations.

Personal Comment:-

It was gratifying to note that Public Health ACC seemed to assume most of the onus of this serious problem. This is entirely proper however where brothels and prostitutes are not only permitted but actually approved and licensed.

My own personal observation from this conference leads me to believe that one of the worst if not the very worst factor in the anti-VD program is the apparent prevalence of corruption and graft by civilian officials. Some of these women develop an earning power which greatly exceeds the combined salaries of police, health and court officials. Although often the worst infected, they are known to be released without any cure being effected at all and the payment to authorities for release is indicated. I would recommend that Public Safety ACC should see to it that such individuals are re-arrested at once by Provost Marshal if necessary or other police agency and held incommunicado on some charge such as security reasons, until treatment has been effected. ~~There~~ is undoubtedly a highly irregular procedure, probably illegal and may lead to unfavorable repercussions. However, as the military effort is greatly impaired as a result of this inordinate increase in VD, extraordinary and effective measures must be invoked promptly.

Harold Anderson
 HAROLD ANDERSON
 Major,
 Public Safety, ACC

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
 HEADQUARTERS 5 ARMY

Public Safety Div.
 Rear Echelon.
 4 February 1944

SUBJECT: Prostitution

TO : All CAPG's

Your attention is called to the fact that existent Italian Law, as found in the books, if not in action, contains prohibitions of the sort which we are anxious to have enforced

I. The proprietor or lessee of any building which is used for unlicensed prostitution is guilty of an offence (Public Security Law. 18th June 1931, No. 773, Title VII, Art 190-191.)

II. All women employed as prostitutes in licensed houses must be medically examined and certified free from disease before exercising their profession. (R.D. 24 July 1943, No. 1865 approving Art. 291 - 293 of the Sanitary Code.

III. Soliciting is an offence under Italian Law (Law of Public Security. Title VII C.P. Art. 524)

Before local legislation is enacted at either the Provincial or Regional level everything possible should be done to see that Italian officials, medical, police and judicial, properly and vigorously enforce Italian law. If that effort proves fruitless and order transferring the trial of violations of any or all of the Italian laws mentioned above may be adopted. In any case prosecutions should not be brought against infected prostitutes under Sec. 45, Art II of Proclamation No. 2.

J. E. POLLOCK,
 Lt. Col.
 Senior Public Safety Division
 AMG 5 Army

COPY: Maj. Gen CRANE
 Brig. Gen HUMPHREY
 Col. SHIELDS
 Col. SEVERE (4)

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A number of instructions were sent from Capt. J. E. Pollock to the 7th Army, 14th Army, 15th Army, 16th Army, 17th Army, 18th Army, 19th Army, 20th Army, 21st Army, 22nd Army, 23rd Army, 24th Army, 25th Army, 26th Army, 27th Army, 28th Army, 29th Army, 30th Army, 31st Army, 32nd Army, 33rd Army, 34th Army, 35th Army, 36th Army, 37th Army, 38th Army, 39th Army, 40th Army, 41st Army, 42nd Army, 43rd Army, 44th Army, 45th Army, 46th Army, 47th Army, 48th Army, 49th Army, 50th Army, 51st Army, 52nd Army, 53rd Army, 54th Army, 55th Army, 56th Army, 57th Army, 58th Army, 59th Army, 60th Army, 61st Army, 62nd Army, 63rd Army, 64th Army, 65th Army, 66th Army, 67th Army, 68th Army, 69th Army, 70th Army, 71st Army, 72nd Army, 73rd Army, 74th Army, 75th Army, 76th Army, 77th Army, 78th Army, 79th Army, 80th Army, 81st Army, 82nd Army, 83rd Army, 84th Army, 85th Army, 86th Army, 87th Army, 88th Army, 89th Army, 90th Army, 91st Army, 92nd Army, 93rd Army, 94th Army, 95th Army, 96th Army, 97th Army, 98th Army, 99th Army, 100th Army.

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
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Public Health Sub-Commission

210/3023/11

11 January 1944

SUBJECT: - Venereal DiseaseTO : R.C.C., Region I
R.C.C., Region II

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1. Attached report references R.C.C./1 of 6 December 1943 on the incidence of venereal disease is forwarded.

2. Please comply with paragraph 4 of this report and advise this Office by 31 January 1944 of action taken.

By order of Colonel STEPHEN

G. B. PARKMAN, Brigadier
Director, Public Health Sub-Commission.

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1 Enclosure

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1. The increase in the V.O. rate is not alarming, there has been a steady rise since the occupation of Sicily and Italy.

2. This is due to:

- (a) The presence and availability of large numbers of infected women in brothels all over the country.
- (b) The activities of the
- (c) unscrupulous Italian population.
- (d) Disorganization of life in quarters.

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A. 1. 2.	12.06
A. 1. 3.	15.04
A. 1. 4.	61.09
A. 1. 5.	63.64
1st Army	26.79
5th Army	63.37
7th Army	113.79
12th Air Force	227.05
F. 1. 1.	212.10
F. 1. 2.	
F. 1. 3.	
F. 1. 4.	
F. 1. 5.	
TOTAL	10.61

NOTE: - These values are based on incomplete returns.

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1st Army	24.0
10 Corps	100.9
2 District Total	101.2
1st District Area	101.9
Total Italy	51.2

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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 areas.

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PART III - RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. The attention of Commanding Generals of Formations again be drawn to the present serious manner of V.P.
2. The services of Brigadier B. Jones, Consulting Venerologist M.B., who is now available, be accepted to work in conjunction with the Division of Venerology A.F.H.Q. and Chief Medical Officers, A.F.H.
3. That the present campaign against V.P. be intensified, i.e., talks by Commanding Officers, addresses by A.F.H. given on grounds and discussions by Chaplains be carried out to capacity.
4. A.F.H. be requested to organize and undertake treatment for all persons to whom V.P. 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 Indian activities to be enlarged and extended in every possible way. This includes amusement, entertainment and recreation, coffee bars and cinemas controlled by suitable police. It is suggested that every stable unit is held responsible for its own organizations.
8. British units and formations to organize vigilante groups for street canting. Out of 17/40 recent transactions in which only 11 cases contracted V.P.
9. These recommendations be fully explained to Army and Fleet.
10. The V.P. rate not suddenly threatened to limit the effectiveness of armed and formations. In some instances the V.P. rate is equal to the British rate, larger than the Indian formations rate and the chief cause of alarm.
11. In conclusion:
 - (I) The V.P. rate is everywhere steadily rising.
 - (II) V.P. is now a serious menace to the health and effectiveness of troops of all formations.
 - (III) Urgent and immediate action is required.

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3. Since the present campaign against V.D. is a cross propaganda and discussion Commanding Officers, divisions by M.D. or cross propaganda and discussion by Chaplain be carried out to capacity.
4. V.D. be removed to organize and undertake treatment for all cases to whom V.D. is attributable, including public supervision and compulsory segregation.
5. Working hours to be restricted.
6. Available to be placed off limits.
7. American Red Cross and National Y.M.C.A. to be organized and supervised in every possible way. This includes organized entertainment and recreation, coffee bars and canteens staffed by suitable inmates. It is suggested that every static unit is held responsible for its own organization.
8. Static units and formations to make adequate prophylactic treatment centres. Out of 17000 recent prisoners in April only 11 have contracted V.D.
9. These recommendations are by division (I) and (II).
10. The V.D. rate has seriously increased to limit the effectiveness of raised and formations. In some instances the V.D. rate is up to the malaria rate, larger than the infection hospital rate and the chief cause of sickness.
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 - (III) Urgent and immediate action is required.

(Sgt)
(Sgt. Connell)
Major-General,
Surgeon, D.F.C., A.F.M.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALABAMA AIR FORCE COMMAND
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Public Health Sub-Commission

AMG/5023/4H

14 January 1963

SUBJECT: - Venereal Disease

TO : - R.A.F.O., Region I
R.A.F.O., Region II

1. Attached report reference T-06/24/1 of 6 December 1963 on the incidence of Venereal Disease is requested.

2. Please comply with paragraph 4 of this report and advise this Office by 31 January 1964 of action taken.

By order of Colonel STEVENSON

G. J. BARKER, Jr., Major
Director, Public Health Sub-Commission.

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1 Enclosure

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SUBJECT: - Venereal Disease

TO : - R.C.C., Region I
R.C.C., Region II

1. Attached report and range 1.06/22/1 (1 of December 1943)
on the incidence of Venereal Diseases is forwarded.

2. Please comply with paragraph 4 of this report and advise
this Office by 31 January 1944 if action taken.

By order of Colonel STANFORD

G. S. PARKINGTON, Inspector
Director, Public Health Sub-Commission.

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OFFICE OF THE SURGEON

Ref: - 4.62/23/1.

SUBJECT: - Venereal Disease.

NO: - G.A.O. 3.
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PART I - HISTORY

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

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 venereal facilities.
- (d) Unsanitary conditions in quarters.

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Population

1. 1st Div.	105.13	V.D. Rate/1000/men
2. 2nd Div.	17.06	
3. 3rd Div.	40.04	
4. 4th Div.	61.07	
5. 5th Div.	69.63	
6. 6th Div.	96.79	
7. 7th Div.	85.57	
8. 8th Div.	145.72	
9. 9th Div.	297.05	
10. 10th Div.	212.10	
TOTAL	90.61	

NOTE: - These rates are based on incomplete returns.

Formation

1. 1st Div.	21.0	V.D. Rate/1000/men
2. 2nd Div.	108.2	
3. 3rd Div.	104.2	
4. 4th Div.	105.8	
5. 5th Div.	21.0	
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NOTE: - These rates are based on historical returns.

Conclusion

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Eight Army
16 Corps
2 Divisions Total
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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 - SUMMARY

1. The attention of Commanding Generals of Formations again be drawn to the present serious shortage of V.P.
2. The services of Brigadier E. L. L. L., Consulting Venereologist M.S., who is now available, be accepted to work in conjunction with the Advisers in Venereology M.S.M.S. and Chief Medical Officers, M.S.
3. That the present campaign against V.D. be intensified, i.e., talks by Commanding Officers, lectures by M.S., press propaganda and discussions by Chaplains be carried out to capacity.
4. M.S.M.S. be requested to organize an intensive treatment for all women to whom V.D. is attributable, insured of police supervision and compulsory segregation.
5. Working hours to be restricted.
6. Prostitute to be placed off limits.
7. American Red Cross and Voluntary activities to be enlarged and assisted in every possible way. This includes organized entertainment and recreation, coffee bars and dances attended by suitable ladies. It is suggested that every stable unit is held responsible for its own organization.
8. Stable unit and formations to organize adequate prophylactic treatment Centres, out of 17000 recent treatment in 1941 only 11 cases contracted V.D.
9. These recommendations apply chiefly to M.S.M.S. and M.S.
10. The V.D. rate was seriously threatened to limit the effectiveness of treated and formation. In 1941 treatment the V.D. rate is equal to the Malaria rate, larger than the infection hepatitis rate and the chief cause of sickness.
11. In conclusion: -
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(and) (M.S.M.S.)
 Major-General,
 Surgeon, M.S.M.S., M.S.M.S.

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by Chaplains be carried out to supply.

4. A.V.C. or requested to organize and undertake treatment for all cases to whom V.D. is attributable, including those requiring supervision and compulsory segregation.

5. Drinking hours to be restricted.

6. Methods to be planned and limited.

7. American Red Cross and Red Cross activities to be organized and restricted in every possible way. This includes organized entertainment, recreation, coffee bars and canteens staffed by military ladies. It is suggested that every ethnic unit in field organizations for its own organization.

8. Static units and formations to organize appropriate prophylactic treatment centers. One of 17,000 recent treatment is administered only 11 cases contracted V.D.

9. These recommendations apply chiefly to Italy and Italy.

10. The V.D. rate has seriously threatened to limit the effectiveness of armed and formation. In some instances the V.D. rate is equal to the malaria rate, larger than the infectious hepatitis rate and as the order of magnitude of soldiers.

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Major-General,
Surgeon, D.D.C., A.S.S.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

AMG/710./AD.

30 December 1944

SUBJECT: Venereal Disease

TO : RCAO, Region I
RCAO, Region II

1. Following A.M.H.Q. cablegram is repeated for your information:

"Report of Director of Public Health, 15th Army Group AMG, on Venereal Diseases, dated 5 December 1943, together with data now in hands of surgeon, indicate extreme urgency of effective measures of control. After consultation with HHS, urge immediate action by AMG implementing suggestions in paragraphs 4, 7, and 8 with early report to this headquarters on action taken. AMG should initiate similar action in areas now under control."

Copies of report referred to are attached for your information.

2. The following measures should be initiated without delay:
- Take vigorous police action under existing Italian law to curb clandestine prostitution. Penalties for "pimps," "facilitators," and clandestine prostitutes should be severe and the widest publicity given convictions.
 - Re-establish, improve, and open new venereal disease treatment centers where these are needed.
 - Make readily available necessary drugs and supplies to treatment centers and private physicians treating venereal diseases.
 - Initiate publicity campaign to advise public of the availability of free medical treatment for venereal disease stating location and hour of operation of treatment centers. All channels of public information should be used including posters, newspapers, and radio.
 - Prohibit the sale or gift to members of the armed forces of alcoholic beverages on the streets.

3. A report of action taken is desired by this Headquarters on 31 January 1944.

CHARLES M. SPENFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
D. C. C. L. O.

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AMG/511/1

5th December 1943

1. At a recent conference on Venereal Diseases in the Armies held at NAPLES and attended by the D.D.H., A.T.H.Q. - the advisor on V.D. 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 unauthorized 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.

6. Police should be instructed to check up on the Italian medical inspection of the inmates of the houses. While it is impossible to place much faith on these medical inspections, they do appear statistically to diminish the incidence of infection, especially gross infection. They certainly are of great help in dealing with louse and scabies disinfection and the louse position is important with the arrival of typhus.

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

8. The question of control of cases of V.D. in the civil population remains.

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8. The question of control of cases of V.D. in the civil population requires 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.

DGC/SCM

Copy to: A.C.C. Palermo (6)

DDMS Adv Adm. Ech AFHQ (4)

DDMS No. 2 District (4)

/s/ D. Gordon Cheyne
/t/ D. GORDON CHEYNE

Colonel,
Director of Public Health.

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31 December 1943.

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