

ITALIAN CAMPS

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8 JAN 1945

TO: Mr. John H. Kilby  
Movement and Records Branch  
Liberated Areas Branch  
Foreign Economic Administration  
Washington 25, D. C.

Kindly amend Shipping Request No. 7 US-3 on our January  
program for Italy as follows:

COMMODITY	Delete	Milk dry sprayed
	Insert	Milk roller dried

DEFENSE AID		
EXPORT DEC. NO.	Delete	UA-160
	Insert	UA-159

*W. G. Dominick*

W. G. Dominick, Chief  
Ocean Shipping Branch

cc: FEA, Wash. (8 copies); WSA, N.Y.;  
UNRRA, N.Y.; UNRRA, Wash. (4 copies)



24 November 1944

TO: Norman Gold  
FROM: Karl Borders  
SUBJECT: Clothing Items for an Estimated 50,000 Displaced  
Persons

Attached are four copies of the Camps Division's requisition for clothing items for an estimated 50,000 Displaced Persons of non-Italian nationality who will be processed through assembly areas or centers in Northern Italy. Will you please let me have a statement as to whether you approve of the Camps Division's program. No procurement activity will go forward until you have approved the requirements and secured the necessary allocations.

Attachments - 4

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AMERICAN RED CROSS  
National Headquarters  
Washington 13, D.C.  
November 17, 1944

Miss Mary Charles Cole  
Studies Coordination Section  
Bureau of Areas  
UNRRA, Room 323  
Dupont Circle Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Cole:

We are glad to send you with this letter an enclosure which contains information extracted from the monthly report for September sent to us by Mr. W. W. Jefferson, the Director of our civilian war relief program in Italy.

The extracts relate to the operations of the Italian Refugee Branch and the Internees and Displaced Persons Subcommittee, which during the month of September had been amalgamated into one section called the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Subcommittee. This Subcommittee is now headed by Col. Findlay, Director. Col. Fothergill, formerly Deputy Director of the Internees and Displaced Persons Subcommittee, is Deputy Director of the new Subcommittee. In addition, a committee has been appointed to assist in the administration of the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Subcommittee. The members of this committee are Brigadier Lush, Col. Findlay, Sir Clifford Heathcote Smith of the Intergovernmental Committee for Refugees, and Major Knight, Assistant Commissioner, Red Cross Civilian War Relief.

We hope that the information contained in the enclosure is that which you desire. Should additional information be needed, please do not hesitate to communicate with us.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Melvin A. Glasser  
Assistant Chief  
Foreign War Relief  
Insular and Foreign Operations

Encl.



### Italian Refugee Camps:

There has been no new camps for Italian refugees opened during the month of September. However, the camp at Follonica has been moved forward in order that it might be of better service to the 5th Army. There are now six A.R.G. camps for refugees in the forward areas. These camps feed the Italian Refugee Camps in the rear areas.

Refugees still appear to be coming down from the lines in steady numbers. Their physical condition and morale are reported to be good. However, there is much confusion existing at the moment in that there is no transportation available to return the Italians to their homes. Many are returning by walking or by unauthorized methods of travel. Too, many, upon reaching their communities, discover that their homes have been destroyed, or are in mined areas.

Both the Italian Government and the Vatican have established Commissions for refugees, and recently the two Commissions formed a joint Committee.

### Displaced Persons Camps:

In the camps which are static, much attention is being given to the problem of occupational and recreational needs. Workrooms, toy-making shops, knitting circles, etc., have been started. Games and schools for children have been instituted.

#### 1. Aversa (Naples) and Cine Citta (Rome) Camps

These camps are partly static and partly transit. Both now have well established workrooms complete with sewing machines. A good deal of old army clothing has been obtained and is being sorted, repaired and remade at Cine Citta.

#### 2. Forward Groups Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

These are the three mobile forward groups operating East and West Centres respectively in order to look after Displaced Persons, most of whom are then evacuated down to the other camps for ultimate repatriation. In Florence, feeding centres have been established for the several thousand Displaced Persons who reside there.

The Forward Groups advance very rapidly, generally close on the heels of the Army. The Displaced Persons are collected, sorted, fed and evacuated South. Then, as the area is completely covered, the groups move forward again.

#### 3. Muced Children's Convalescent Home

This home has been in operation for nearly three months and is to be closed during the last week of September. Several hundred children of various nationalities have spent two or three weeks each there and have benefited by their stay.

#### 4. Florence

1,125 Allied Nationals were contacted and registered at the office of the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub Commission. Two Food Distribution Centres have been opened. These are operated by committees, one, Anglo-American, the other, Allied Nationals.

10 November 1944

TO: Norman Gold  
FROM: Karl Borders  
SUBJECT: Food for Italian Camps

Attached are four copies of the Camps Division's requisition for food required by the Italian camps. You will note that the Camps Division desires delivery to be completed by 1 March 1945. I do not know how this fits in with your program and Keeny's; but I would like to have from you a statement on whether you approve of the Camps Division's program. No procurement activity will go forward until you have approved the requirements and secured the necessary allocations.

Attachments - 4



8 November 1944

TO: Norman Gold

FROM: Karl Borders

SUBJECT: Clothing, Textiles and Findings for Italian Camps

Attached are four copies of the Camps Division's requisition for clothing, textiles and findings needed by the Italian refugee camps. As I understand the existing drill, your branch will clear the list from (1) a requirements view-point for the Bureau of Supply and (2) transmit the four copies to the Combined Production and Resources Board under LA/38/PR-101, in accordance with Mr. Bonnell's agreement with that agency. The Procurement Coordination Branch will submit copies of a draft Request to Supply, listing these items, to the FEA for informal clearance so that procurement can go forward rapidly, after your approval and that of FEA. No final commitments will be made until we have received your written approval of this program. If these goods are to arrive in Italy 1 February 1944, as Keeny desires, time is very short.

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

BUREAU OF SUPPLY

Requirements and Allocations Coordination Branch

Tentative Program of Supply for Italian Mission

1. In order to assure adequate supplies for individual missions, it is necessary to arrange for allocation, procurement and shipping from 90 to 120 days in advance of actual shipping to the individual mission or area. To assure continuous supply, it is generally necessary to establish program targets six to twelve months in advance.
2. For these reasons, a basic UNRRA program is supplied to the mission. This program is divided into two sections:
  - Section A. Program for Italian Nationals pursuant to Council Resolution No. 58
  - Section B. Program for Displaced United Nations Nationals.
3. For each program a set of schedules is attached, covering the following:
  - a) A firm statement of supplies for immediate shipment.
  - b) A statement of probable supplies for the following three-months period, two-thirds of which may be considered firm at this time.
  - c) A statement of the target figure for the following six months.
4. It should be understood that all programs are subject to shipping and supply availability and that successive communications will be sent forward as actual shipments are programmed.
5. The mission should receive from the government, or working in cooperation with the government, should submit to Headquarters, attention Requirements and Allocations Coordination Branch, not later than three weeks after receipt of this program -
  - a) proposed revision in the immediate shipping schedule,
  - b) proposed revisions in the following three months program and priorities based on the possibility of only 50% of shipping being available. The government and mission should be guided by the comments on probable availability as noted in the report. Detailed reasons should be supplied for the proposed revisions. If no



revisions are required, Headquarters should be notified to this effect.

Not less than 10 days after receipt of this report from the mission, it will receive from Headquarters a revised program incorporating to the maximum extent possible the changes suggested by the mission.

6. Not later than six weeks after the receipt of the report here attached, the mission working with the government should submit a proposed revision of the target figure for the balance of the program. The mission working in cooperation with the government should proceed to break this target down into a three-month program and a target for the balance.

7. It will be noted that in the attached schedule for medical supplies, only the immediate shipments are scheduled. They are designed to meet initial needs for general medical supplies with emphasis on maternal, child care, and epidemic control. They include very little non-expendable or even semi-expendable equipment. The mission, working with the government, is requested to submit a desired program of supplies for the following three months and six-months periods.

8. In the case of supplies for displaced United Nations Nationals, a very rough indication is given of the proposed initial supplies. These should be sufficient for approximately 10,000 persons for four months. Your immediate comments on these supplies and suggested revision, including detailed information on the probable number of persons needing supplies, by months, are needed as soon as possible.

## UNRRA'S TENTATIVE CHILD FEEDING PROGRAM FOR ITALY

### I. Animal Products

Fish - Supplies suggested computed in the light of CFB allocations to UNRRA and of requirements for liberated Allied countries. Consequently the canned fish was limited to 8,000,000 pounds per year and the hard dried cod to 2,000,000. Labrador cured cod up to the full amount of our 5,700,000 pounds allocation has been included in the program for the first few months. The present proposal calls for the balance of the fish shipment to be salt herring; in view of present and prospective procurements this has been guesstimated at 16,500,000 pounds. If pickled herring is found to be fully acceptable in the feeding program and supplies permit, shipments will be raised by a further amount (say by 10,000,000 pounds).

Milk An effort is being made to procure the maximum amount possible of spray dried skim milk; the 73 tons of dried whole have been purchased in Canada largely for experimental use in Italy; every effort should be made by UNRRA Mission to promote efficient use of larger amounts of skim milk in its feeding program; if these efforts are successful UNRRA (Washington) will exert its best efforts to make available larger shipments.

### II. Fats, Oils, and Soap

Lard and Margarine - For the time being there is plenty of lard; expect to be able to maintain the suggested rate of shipment of margarine.

Soap - UNRRA has ordered 60 million pounds of soap from Canada and hopes to place order for 100 million pounds in the U.S.; if U.S. order accepted we should be able to maintain suggested rate of shipment.

### III. Grain and Grain Products

Farina - Given funds and shipping larger amounts could readily be provided; consideration being given to the addition of 10% of soya grits to part of the shipment; soya flour could readily be provided.

Wheat - Given funds and shipping larger amounts could readily be provided.

### IV. Dry Legumes

UNRRA has procured  $3\frac{1}{2}$  million 100-lb. bags of peas.  
UNRRA has about 500,000 bags of garbanzos.  
UNRRA has not yet received any allocation of beans.

### V. Special Commodities

Sugar - Supply position tight; first shipment may be relied upon but subsequent shipments are still only a hope.



VI. Vitamins

Ascorbic Acid - Supply relatively tight; rate of shipment may, therefore, have to be reduced.

Cod Liver Oil - UNRRA's stocks of cod liver oil at the present time suggest that after the initial shipment the amount should be reduced (a) to 10,656 gallons per month for the following three months; and (b) to 5,178 gallons per month in the subsequent period. However, if operation during the early period indicates a definite need for additional amounts we could probably increase our stocks (at the risk of increasing prices) and ship at a higher rate to Italy.

25 October 1944

SECTION A

(i) ITALIAN FOOD SUPPLIES FOR CHILD & MATERNAL WELFARE PROGRAM

(See attached explanatory notes)

	<u>First</u> <u>Shipment*</u>	<u>Tentative</u> <u>Jan/March</u> <u>1945</u> <u>Shipment</u>	<u>Target</u> <u>Shipments</u> <u>April/Nov.</u> <u>1945</u>
		(metric tons)	
<u>I. Animal Products</u>			
<u>Fish</u>			
Cod, Labrador cure (i.e. semi-dry)	861	1,722	-
Cod, shore cure (hard dry)	-	100	800
Herring, pickled in barrels	400	1,500	5,600
Canned, in 16 oz. tins	-	450	3,600
<u>Milk</u>			
Dried skim, roller	1,564	4,619	12,512
Dried skim, spray	512	1,566	4,176
Dried whole	-	75	-
<u>II. Fats, Oils and Soap</u>			
<u>Lard</u>	676	2,028	5,408
<u>Margarine</u>	454	1,362	3,632
<u>Soap</u>	270	810	2,160
<u>III. Grains and Grain Products</u>			
<u>Farina</u>	300	900	2,400
<u>Wheat</u>			
Durum	3,133	9,401	25,048
Hard Spring	3,133	9,401	25,048
<u>IV. Dry Legumes</u>			
<u>Garbanzos</u>	1,242	-	-
<u>Garbanzos (cracked)</u>	-	3,726	9,936
<u>Poas</u>	1,242	3,726	9,936
<u>V. Special Commodities</u>			
<u>Sugar</u>	1,270	3,810	10,160



	First <u>Shipment*</u>	Tentative Jan/March 1945 <u>Shipment</u>	Target Shipments April/Nov 1945 <u>1945</u>
	(metric tons)		
VI. <u>Vitamins</u>			
<u>Ascorbic Acid</u>	11 million tablets 275 kilo	33 million tablets 825 kilo	88 million tablets 2,200 kilo
<u>Cod Liver Oil</u>	21,312(gals)	31,968(gals)	41,424(gals)

\*November-December 1944

25 October 1944

SECTION A

(ii) ITALIAN MEDICAL SUPPLIES - CONTENTS OF PROPOSED  
INITIAL SHIPMENT

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Weight (MT)</u>
Drugs and Chemicals	110,882.98	90.
Dressings (Gauze and Bandages, etc.)	42,442.10	9.
Surgical Instruments and Supplies	7,384.58	.5
Laboratory Equipment	707.40	.2
X-ray film	2,460.00	.5
Hospital Supplies	2,742.10	.4
Confinement Bags	50,000.00	22.
Midwives Bags	8,000.00	2.
Sanitation Supplies and Equipment	<u>17,123.55</u>	<u>45.</u>
TOTAL	211,748.71	169.6



SECTION A

(iii) ITALIAN TRANSPORT SUPPLIES

<u>Item</u>	<u>Immediate Shipment</u>	<u>Succeeding 3 Months</u>	<u>Total</u>
Trucks		138	138 <sup>1/</sup>
Passenger Cars	10		10
Motorcycles	6		6
Motorcycles with side cars	6		6
Bicycles	50		50

1/ Some of these may have to be transmitted to other Balkan Areas.

SECTION B

PROGRAM FOR DISPLACED UNITED NATIONS NATIONALS

Subject to shipping availability, it is contemplated that approximately 400 tons of supplies will be shipped as soon as possible for displaced United Nations Nationals. This will include transportation equipment, food, clothing, small tools, maintenance and sanitation supplies, pharmaceuticals and PX items. The supply is designed to meet the requirements of 10,000 persons for 3 months from February 1.

As soon as possible, the detailed items will be cabled with requests for comments and revisions from the field.



UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

20 October 1944

To: Karl Borders

From: E. R. Fryer

For your convenience I am attaching a paraphrase of our No. 8 to Caserta and the replies received in No. 29 on 11 October. Our outgoing cable is "To" and Caserta's reply is "From."

Attachment

For ease of reference, we have put our Cable No. 8 to Caserta (9 Sept. 44), and the replies contained in Cable No. 29 (11 Oct. 44) in question and answer form. It has been paraphrased to some extent.

- 1(a) To: Location of camps, hospitals, and capacities each
- From: Camps: Santa Maria di Bagni: capacity 3500, including 500 Jewish  
Santa Maria di Leuca: including orphanage, capacity 2500  
Santa Cesarea: including orphanage, capacity 2000  
Gallipoli - Royalists - capacity 200
- Hospitals: Maglie - capacity 350  
DiLeuca - capacity 250
- Totals: Present population about 6400  
 Plus hospitals 540  
 TOTAL 6940
- 1(b) To: Water supply, its adequacy, source, method of purification
- From: Water supply adequate, source aqueduct, method of purification chlorination treatment.
- 1(c) To: Power sources, current, voltage.
- From: Through local Italian Government, grid voltage one fifty
- 1(d) To: Fuel sources and kind used.
- From: Oil used for cooking only; no heating of buildings provided.
- 1(e) To: Character of buildings each camp
- From: Summer resort villas
- 1(f) To: Climatic data
- From: Summer resort climate; winters moderately cold with unfavorable Mediterranean winds.
- 1(g) To: Port to which supplies should be shipped.
- From: Bari, Taranto, Brindisi.
- 1(h) To: Composition of refugee population, sex, age groups, etc.
- | <u>From:</u> | <u>MEN</u>                   | <u>WOMEN</u> | <u>CHILDREN:</u> | <u>0-1</u> | <u>1-7</u> | <u>8-16</u> | <u>TOTAL ALL</u> |
|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------|
|              | 1600                         | 1869         | 3532             | (186       | 1186       | 2160)       | 7001             |
|              | (figures fluctuate somewhat) |              |                  |            |            |             |                  |



- 1(i) To: Availability professional personnel Italy, doctors, nurses, etc.
- From: Doctors: 4(Italian), 2(Greek), 1(White Russian): Total 7  
Nurses: 1 Red Cross professional (rest are practical trainees from refugee population)
- 2(a) To: Trucks and jeeps for transportation refugees, supplies, personnel
- From: Vehicles to be left at camp by Army are:
- |                  |   |    |           |
|------------------|---|----|-----------|
| 3-ton            | : | 10 |           |
| 1500 wt.         | : | 4  |           |
| Weapons carrier: | : | 3  |           |
| Pu               | : | 2  |           |
| Jeep:            | : | 2  |           |
| M/C              | : | 3  | Total: 24 |
- 2(b) To: Bedding, bunks and mess equipment
- From: Present equipment considered adequate - will remain
- 2(c) To: Initial hospital equipment, medical supplies
- From: Present equipment and supplies to remain
- 2(d) To: Army willingness to provide food, clothing, pharmaceutical supplies until February 1
- From: Military willing furnish all supplies on reimbursable basis for period of 3 months after takeover.
- Food: British #36 ration
- Clothing: Either PEA out of Naples warehouse  
Red Cross or as part of UNRRA relief program Italy
- Pharmaceutical supplies: Unable get reply; will cable answer soon.
- 2(e) To: Equipment for maintenance of camp and transportation vehicles
- From: Will be no army establishment close. Necessary UNRRA provide repair shop for vehicles and facilities for maintenance of camps.
- 2(f) To: Gasoline and fuel purchase privileges from Army sources.
- From: Petrol will continue be supplied from army or through civilian AC sources (AC: Allied (Control) Commission)
- 3 To: We strongly urge single camp of 10,000 capacity for economy personnel, supplies, administration. Advise.

From: NOT POSSIBLE

- 4(a) To: Give full statement regarding relationship between UNRRA, APHQ, ACC after assuming responsible camps. Such matters as provisions for payments for camp sites, guard services, movement refugees in and out camp; provision for disposal camp property; matters of taxation of UNRRA imports and exports.

From: Payments for camp sites; unable get reply; will cable soon.

Guard service: camp organized police assisted by Carabinieri

Movement of refugees in and out: Present responsibility Army; Postwar - APHQ to regularize in peace treaty.

Disposal of camp property: As circumstances arise to be dealt with UNRRA disposal board

Taxation of imports and exports: Policy as agreed for Balkans. APHQ to regularize.

- 4(b) To: Matter of extraterritoriality of camps

From: Present condition normal camp discipline within camps. Outside camps Allied civilian nationals come under Italian civil and criminal law. APHQ to regularize before and after peace treaty.

THE FOLLOWING ARE ADDITIONAL MATTERS OF INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATION:  
(not requested in #8 to Caserta, but contained in #29 from Caserta)

1. Required UNRRA personnel

a. To replace military personnel:

4 Camp Directors	8 Drivers
2 Doctors	2 Sanitary
2 Finance	3 Motor transport repair
3 Supply	3 Cooks
1 Transport	
6 Hygiene	
1 Personnel	
1 Refugee movements	
10 Clerks	
6 Warehousemen	

b. Additional staff recommended in addition to above:

1 Doctor      6 Nurses      3 Motor transport repair

c. Recommend doctors nurses and possibly other personnel be transferred from Philippeville.



2. Recommend that Italian camps as well as Philippeville report to Italian Mission.

*Borders*

UNITED NATIONS  
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

17 October 1944

TO: M.A. Menshikov  
FROM: R. L. Cochran

For your information I am enclosing  
herewith copy of a memorandum regarding  
takeover of the southern Italian camps  
by UNRRA.

S/R. L. Cochran



ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

WDE/jjjr

G-5: 383.7-24

15 October 1944

SUBJECT: Camps for Displaced Persons in Italy -  
handing over to UNRRA.

TO : Mr. R. L. Cochran  
UNRRA Representative at A.F.H.Q.

1. At the meeting of the Political Committee held on Wed. 11 Oct 1944 the Supreme Allied Commander directed that the undermentioned establishments for Displaced Persons in Italy should be:

- (a) renamed "Accommodation Centres"
- (b) eventually taken over by UNRRA.

2. Establishments concerned are:

S. Maria di Bagni  
S. Maria di Leuca  
S. Cesarea  
Gallipoli  
Hospital at St. Maria di Leuca  
Hospital at Maglie (Lecce)

3. The Supreme Allied Commander further directed that these accommodation centres be regarded as equally available for Displaced Persons of all kinds.

4. Arrangements to effect the hand over will be the subject of further discussion.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

S/ W. Driffield-White Major  
W. DRIFFIELD-WHITE  
Major.

Copy to:- Allied Control Commission

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