

ARMY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DEPOT
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References:

- A. A/BR/7075 (MSD) dated 23 Jun 72.
- B. May Report 55 FST dated 3 Jun 72.

1. To include any item or to extract any item from re-supply Box No 4 would require amendment to the item in BJSC, as the list of contents under which the item is issued "complete" would have to be changed. There would, however, be no objection to a direct but separate demand from 55 FST for "Neostigmine". It is therefore suggested that items which are required but which are not included in the sealed list of contents should be the subject of separate demands, placed on MED Equipment Depot NEAF Akrotiri.

2. The Matburn Electro Surgical Diathermy authorised under A/24/Stores/2654 (MSD) dated 21 Jan 72 was purchased complete with accessories but this does not include the electrodes. A set of electrodes will now be procured (BJSC No 6515-99-210-7212) and forwarded to Salalah soonest.

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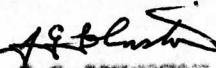
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Reference: A. AMED/2099 Encl 1 dated 4 July 1972.
 B. May Report 55 FST dated 3 June 1972.

1. The May report of 55 FST pointing out that resupply Box No 4 was incomplete still stands. Any box which contains a paralysing agent without its antagonist must be incomplete.
2. To state that to change the list of contents would require amendment to BJSC is neither here nor there. Surely the whole object of these boxes is to ensure that teams in the field have adequate supplies no matter what part of the world they are operating in.
3. That there is no objection to 55 FST putting in a separate demand for Neo-stigmine to Med Equipment Depot NEAF underlines that AMED have failed to understand why this deficiency was pointed out and also the function and dangers of these drugs. What happens if an FST anaesthetist is situated where he has not got such ready access to Med Equipment Depot, keep his patient on a respirator! This would eventually lead to a special resupply box for respirators.
4. That the function of these drugs and equipment is not understood is further underlined by para 2 of Reference A. Expensive equipment such as the Matbuxa Electro Surgical Diathermy sent without electrodes because they were not purchased as accessories may not seem important at time of purchase and dispatch, but to the surgeon in the field it is relatively worthless if it cannot perform the task its name implies.


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Then our attention was drawn to the need for the electrodes, purchased and made as a charge against - maintenance - the funds under control of Commandant AMED Ludgershall - as matter of urgency. The item has now arrived from Green and was in Packing and Despatch Section, on my check, for air post to Salalah on 15 July 1972.

7. There is no question of AMED Ludgershall having a lack of understanding but a matter of those concerned understanding the administrative 602 procedures for the provision and supply of medical equipment, and where authority is vested to amend scales and the levels of authorization of expenditure.

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Encl 1 to AMED/2099

19 July 1972

J. A. BRUNT
Colonel
Commandant

FST SALALAH

References:

- A. CG/55 dated 12 July 1972.
- B. Encl 1 to AMED/2099 dated 4 July 1972.
- C. A/24/Stores/2654/MSD dated 21 January 1972.

1. The criticisms of this Depot made by OC 55 FST in reference A would appear to be somewhat unfortunate and arises out of a lack of understanding of medical equipment supply procedures.

RESUPPLY BOX NO 4

2. The scale contents for this Box as with the other Resupply Boxes arise out of studies carried out under the Director of Army Surgery with Surgeons and Anaesthetist's experienced in FSTs. The scale having been authorised the Commandant AMED Ludgershall has no authority to vary such scales or any scales of equipment. It is difficult to understand why the Box contains a "Paralysing Agent without its Antagonist" but this is a matter for the various AMS committees and the professional advisers to consider and amend if necessary.

3. The suggestion made by this Depot in reference B for 55 FST to place separate demands for "Neostigmine" was to overcome the immediate problem whilst representation was made to the Director of Army Surgery to consider amending the scale.

4. The proper course of action would now appear to be, for the OC 55 FST to forward a suggested amendment to the scale for Resupply Box No 4, or indeed the scales for the other Resupply Boxes, if based on his experience, such action is considered necessary.

MATBURN ELECTRO-SURGERY DIATHERMY

5. Reference C authorised as a purchase against New Service Estimates for 1971-72 Serial 2 certain items of medical equipment for extended evaluation trials with FSTs. The Commandant of AMED Ludgershall has no authority to vary provision under New Service item procurement, and for which funding is under the control of Medical Supply Directorate. It would seem the question of provision or otherwise of electrodes should have been decided at Advisory level before the issue of the provision directive given in reference C.

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6. When our attention was drawn to the need for the electrodes; procurement was made as a charge against - maintenance - the funds under control of Commandant AMED Ludgershall - as matter of urgency. The item has now arrived from trade and was in Packing and Despatch Section, on my check, for air post to Salalah on 18 July 1972.

7. There is no question of AMED Ludgershall having a lack of understanding but a matter of those concerned understanding the administrative procedures for the provision and supply of medical equipment, and where authority is vested to amend scales and the levels of authorisation of expenditure.

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The scale contents for this class as with the other classes have been set at a level approved by the Director of Army Logistics with regard to the maintenance of the equipment. The scale has been authorized by the Director of Army Logistics and has no authority to vary such scales or any scales of equipment. It is difficult to understand why the scale contained a "Fusing agent without the component" but this is a matter for the various MED committees and the relevant staff divisions to consider and report if necessary.

The suggestion made in this report in reference to the "Fusing agent" separate scale for "Fusing agent" was to ensure the immediate provision of the component and was made to the Director of Army Logistics to consider amending the scale.

The suggestion made in this report would be to amend the scale to include the "Fusing agent" separate scale for "Fusing agent" and to ensure the immediate provision of the component and was made to the Director of Army Logistics to consider amending the scale.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Reference is authorized as a service against the service established for 1971-72 which is certain items of medical equipment for extended operations in the Middle East. Commandant of AMED Ludgershall has no authority to vary the scale of equipment. The scale of equipment, for which funding is under the control of the Director of Army Logistics, is a matter for the various MED committees and the relevant staff divisions to consider and report if necessary.

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Reference. A: Encl 1 to AMED/2099 dated 19 July 1972.
B: Our GC/55 dated 12 July 1972.

1. Criticism if valid is never unfortunate.
2. The suggested action in Para 4 of Reference A has already been forwarded in the May report of 55 FST.

MATBURN ELECTROSURGERY DIATHERMY

3. The box of electrodes have now arrived but a lead whereby they can be attached to the Matburn Electro Surgical Diathermy is still required in order to make an working unit. Could this latter please be supplied.



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