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bandages per month to dress 2,000 tropical ulcers.

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SWORN by the said St. Clair Edward John BARRETT at 6 Spring Gardens in the City of Westminster this 13th day of December 1945.

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Before me,

(Signed) F. HONIG.
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