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10 October 1943.

SUBJECT: Operational Instructions for Advanced H. Q. of
Displaced Persons Sub-Commission

TO : Lt. Col. MacFarland

1. You are appointed Chief of the Advance H. Q. of the Sub-Commission for Displaced Persons. You will proceed to Palermo in accordance with a Movement Order to be issued by the Chief of Staff Holding Centre Tisi Cuxon on instructions of AFHQ.
2. When the Allied Commission is established you will come under command of the Chief of the Political Section of that Commission in conformity with such further directives as may be issued concerning the functions of the Sub Commission for Displaced Persons.
3. In the meanwhile you will come under command of the Chief Civil Affairs Officer, H. Q. AMG, to whom a copy of this operational instruction has been sent, together with a directive and explanatory memorandum.
4. A provisional directive indicating the functions of Displaced Persons Sub Commission is attached at Appendix A within the framework of which you will operate.
5. It is intended in due course to provide you with a number of accredited representatives of the Governments of the United Nations concerned, in order to enable you to screen Displaced Persons and to assist in organizing their care.
6. Certain personnel of the American and British Red Cross will be placed under your command to assist you.
7. On arrival at your destination you will make contact with H. Q. AMG, the British and American Prisoners of War organization, Lt. Gen. Mason MacFarlane's mission, and Portbase.
8. The Advance Party will consist of the personnel ~~listed~~ listed in Appendix B. The composition of the full Sub Commission will be issued later.
9. A cable has been sent to AMG H. Q., Palermo, giving a warning order of your arrival, and asking that you should be accommodated.

Seen by Maj. Schelle

J. C. HOLMES
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Chief, Military Government Section.

APPENDIX A

PROVISIONAL DIRECTIVE GOVERNING THE FUNCTIONSOF INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUBCOMMISSIONMISSION

1. To see that persons not being American or British Empire prisoners of war, who are interned or have been displaced are adequately cared for and to dispose of them in accordance with the instructions of AFHQ.

MAJOR FUNCTIONS

2. The subcommission performs the following staff functions:-

- a. To obtain as complete information as possible regarding internees and displaced persons in Italy, enemy or enemy occupied territories and forward it, to the Political Vice President for submission to the Allied Intelligence Staff to AFHQ when necessary.
 - b. To arrange with the appropriate authorities for the provision of accommodation, food, clothing, welfare and health services for such persons.
 - c. Arrange with the appropriate authorities for the provision of as much employment for such persons as is possible subject to instructions of AFHQ.
 - d. To assist accredited representatives of foreign governments in respect of their nationals, subject to the instructions of AFHQ.
 - e. To arrange for any movements of internees and displaced persons as may be ordered or become necessary, subject to the policy of AFHQ.
 - f. You will forward to the Political Vice President for transmission to the Secretary Joint Intelligence Committee (Algeria) any intelligence likely to assist the United Nations war effort.
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 4. OTHER ACTION REQUIRED The subcommission should bear in mind the importance of security. For this purpose a small staff will be provided for intelligence duties including interrogation and use will be made of the assistance of accredited officers provided by the United Nations' governments of which the internees are nationals. It will be best if full investigations into the credentials of personnel are obtained while they are in internment camps. Personnel should not be released prematurely.

5. Foreign internees and displaced persons should be classified early to indicate nationality and

whether a. Political prisoners
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Information regarding the number of categories a, b or c should be forwarded urgently through the Allied Intelligence Staff to AFHQ for onward transmission to Combined Chiefs of Staff.

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6. Any reliable information concerning the negligence or maladministration on the part of Italian authorities or individuals concerned with the supervision, direction or management of internment camps, causing hardship and suffering to the internees should be collected and sent to AFHQ for onward transmission.
7. The following documents are attached to which reference may be made in connection with the above.
 - a. Copy Minutes of Meetings of 2nd and 4th October.
 - b. Copy letter dated 4th October from American Red Cross.
 - c. Copy memorandum from Director of Medical Services (Surgeon).
 - d. Copy extract from letter dated 4th October (Brig STROG to Brig GUETERBOCK).

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APPENDIX "B" TO OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADVANCED H.Q.

OF DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION DATED OCT.

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Commissioner	Lt. Col. F.H. MacFarland
Deputy Chief	Lt. Col. V.M. Hemmer
Public Health Officer	Lt. Col. MacFarlane
G - 1	Capt. Pearson (who is on staff of AMG H.Q. and whose services will be asked for. He should join you at Palermo).
G - 2	(Major T.H. Brown (B) (Lt. T.W. Leise (A) (Capt. T.W. Gatchell)
Sergeants	2. (6 further sergeants will be dispatched, or will be provided by AMG H.Q.)
Clerks	3
Drivers	2
Orderlies	3
<u>H.B.</u>	

An Intelligence Officer will be provided by G - 2 A.F.H.Q. (Capt. Tate. This officer will remain on the strength of G - 2. His transportation will be arranged by G - 2).

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NOTES OF MEETING HELD AT AFHQ
4 October 1943

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DATE 4 Oct. 1943

General

1. For those represented at the meeting see list at foot of these notes.
2. A summary prepared by M.G.S. of the provisional position as at 1600 hrs, 4 October was handed to each representative on arrival at the meeting.
3. Comments received from The Ministers, The Red Cross, G-1 and G-3 as requested in para 3 of the notes of the informal meeting held 2 October were read and discussed.

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4. So far as food was concerned it was pointed out that local resources would have to be used to the full and that AMG would, in default of special arrangements only be able to supplement them to the extent of the commodities for which bids had already been made. This would not of necessity produce a balanced diet or one which could be regarded from a medical point of view as satisfactory for the building up of persons who for a long time may have been receiving an impoverished diet. The question of the practicability of bidding for and bringing into Italy special commodities to allow of a special diet for displaced persons was left for investigation by the supply sections in conjunction with interested medical sections.

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It was realised that the best possible use would have to be made as circumstances dictated of all medical supplies available and the necessity was stressed for passing to the Army Medical authorities as early as possible all medical intelligence which MGS or AMG might have.

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6. The summary of the provisional position referred to in para 1 was then considered in detail and appears at Appx A to these notes in revised form to meet points raised at the meeting.

7. The Chairman indicated that as a result of the discussions which have taken place and those which would be undertaken with interested sections directives would be drafted, framed within the details of Appx A and would be circulated to all concerned. Action taken would be reported to higher authority by cable.

Present at above meeting:

Col. A.T. Maxwell

Mr. Caccia

Mr. S. Reber

Rep. Amer. Red Cross

Rep. Br. Red Cross

Rep. G-1 (A)

Rep. G-1 (Br)

Repl. G-3

Repl. Q(Maint)

Rep. M.D.S.

Brig. Gueterbock

Col. Kirkwood

Lt. Col. Jackling

Lt. Col. Parkman

Lt. Col. MacFarlane

Maj. Jackman

Notes prepared by:

T. B. JACKMAN

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APPENDIX A

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONAL POSITION AS AT 1600 HRS 4 OCTOBER PRESENTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF MEETING

1. All Displaced Persons will be originally retained in the camps in which they are found. American, British and French prisoners of war are the only persons originally to be excluded from the category of "Displaced Persons".
2. (a) Displaced Persons will be ~~be~~ cared for in the initial emergency stage by AMG assisted by the advanced Persons Subcommittee (including Red Cross personnel) and so far as is possible by the P.O.W. Subcommittee and by the Chief Surgeon.
(b) As soon as possible they will be transferred to the control of Displaced Persons Subcommittee of Political Section under whom Red Cross personnel have agreed to serve.
(c) An emergency initial stage will always exist when an internment camp is first taken over, which will be handled as in (a) above, even after Allied Commission is functioning.
3. All Displaced Persons other than enemy nationals will be screened by the accredited representative of their own Governments, under the supervision of Intelligence Officer, provided either by G-2 (I) or from the staff of the Political Subcommittee, duly briefed by G-2 (I).
4. After screening, such persons as are indisputably P.O.W.s of United Nations will be handed over to P.O.W. Sub-Commission.
5. Food supplies will be provided through the supply channels either of AMG or Allied Commission, coordinated at AFHQ level by Supply Staff officers of MGS, subject to negotiation for adjustment of rations by G-4 and Q.M. in respect of the period in which P.O.W.s of United Nations have been fed by AMG or Allied Commission.
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NOTES OF MEETING HELD AT
MGS, AFHQ, 2 OCT. 1943

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DATE 3 Oct. 1943

For list of those present see list at end of these notes

GENERAL

1. a. Colonel Maxwell stated that the meeting had been called to consider as far as possible in a preliminary way the policy and organization to be adapted with regard to displaced persons who might be found in Italy including both civilian internees and persons who might properly be regarded as P. W.

He indicated that it was hoped that the Red Cross would be able to co-operate actively in the matter though the extent of the calls which were being made and which might be in the future made on their organizations in other directions was realized.

b. It was to be anticipated that civil internees in the proper sense of the phrase would be handled by the Political Sub Commission under the Political Section of the Allied Commission but it was pointed out that the P. W. sub commission under the Military Section were only primarily charged with the duty of looking after P. W. of American or British origin and that the question as to who should look after P. W. of other nationalities had not been specifically decided.

2. a. Colonel Torrance, representing G-3 submitted a draft letter to CGS Middle East, see Appendix A to these notes, and explained that while a proposal to load displaced persons and ship them to MIDEAST had at first been favorably considered it had been decided on review that it would be best to keep such persons, for the time being at any rate, in camps where they might be found and to screen them and look after them until the whole policy might be worked out in detail.

b. Discussion then took place as the terms of the suggested letter and it was felt that the letter should be sent as information to MIDEAST but that the 5th paragraph should be deleted and that the phrase "a large majority" in para 2 was too wide and should be reduced to a statement that some of the internees may be found to have homes in Italy to which they could go on release.

c. The question was then raised as to the determination of status of personnel found in camps where it was not self evident as to whether they were personnel who had been in armed forces or were civilians and the emergency measures for dealing with them as bodies to be fed and looked after until

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d. The question as to the responsibility for looking after PW of other nationalities than American, English or French was discussed and Colonel Noel quoted the Assistant Chief of Staff G-1 as having expressed the view that the PW organization should look after PWs of whatever nationality. He undertook to take the views of the J C of S on the matter.

3. Brigadier Guterbock submitted a draft, see Appendix B to these notes, of what he envisaged the functions of the Foreign Internees and Displaced Persons Sub commission would be. It was felt that detailed comment on the draft could not be given at this meeting and representatives present were asked to furnish their comments thereon by noon on Monday, 4th October, 1943.

On a general point raised on the draft, the view was generally expressed that the instructions on which the sub commission should work should come from the Allied Commander in Chief and not from the governments of the UK/USA, as suggested, as those governments had already issued their directive in FAN cable 210.

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4. Supply: questions were then raised

- a. as to the machinery for supply and feeding of the personnel who might be found in the camps which were in mind and
- b. as to the scale of feeding - on this point the suggestion was put forward that there might be a special displaced persons ration scale as distinct from the civilian or PW scale.

On the above it was left that M. G. S. should bring in their Economic and Supplies sub section into the discussion together with G-1, G-4 and QM and that these should be represented at the next meeting.

5. Immediate organization.

It was pointed out that Lt Col Macfarlane of M. G. S. who had just joined the Section was the only officer charged full time with examination of the whole problem and the necessity was stressed for getting together an organization immediately to tide over the time until the Foreign Internees and Displaced Persons Sub commission could function.

The representatives of the Red Cross stated that some 11 people could now be called on by them and stressed that their work should be supervisory and of an organizing kind and that they would work under command of the Commission in an advisory capacity.

6. Access of Representatives of interested nations to Camps and procedure for dealing with complaints as to treatment in camps prior to Allied Control.

- a. It was felt that it would be desirable to allow accredited representatives of interested nations to have access to camps when arrangements for reception and control of them can be made.

7. Health situation. It was urged that the medical aspect of control of the camps should receive the earliest consideration and it was decided to invite a representative of the Chief Surgeon to be present at the next meeting.

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3. Mr. S. S. Reber
4. Major Knight
5. Lt. Col. Noel (G-1(Br))
6. Col. Torrence G-3
7. Brig. Gueterbock
8. Mr. Giblin (American Red Cross)
9. Lt. Col. Macfarlane
10. Col. Kirkwood
11. Lt. Col. Jackling
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APPENDIX A

2nd October, 1943

DRAFT LETTER TO CGS MIDDLE EAST

1. Our plan with respect to civilian internees who may come into our hands in ITALY is to maintain them initially in their present locations with the barriers removed. Obviously, such personnel must be screened in order to segregate and confine racial elements.
2. At present it is not contemplated to ship civilian internees outside of ITALY nor to concentrate them further within ITALY. It is believed that a large majority of the internees will have homes within ITALY and it is planned to release them to go to their homes as soon as it is practicable to do so.
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5. In the meantime, it is requested that you contact the YUGOSLAV government and obtain their agreement in principle to paragraph 2 above.

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FUNCTIONS OF FOREIGN INTERNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS SUBCOMMISSION

APEX B

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

10 Boulevard Raudin

October 4, 1943

TO: Colonel A. T. Maxwell
Military Government Section

From: Mr. William H.G. Giblin
Director War Relief

Subject: American and British Red Cross participation in the care
of displaced civilians.

The relationship between the Military Government Section of Allied Force Headquarters and the British and American Red Cross Societies has been defined as follows: - The British and American Red Cross Societies will render specialized voluntary services to the Military Government Section concerned with the supply on a relief basis of food, clothing, shelter and medical aid to needy persons in liberated areas.

The services rendered by the two Red Cross Societies will take the form of advisory, supervisory and operational functions which are in keeping with the policies of the Red Cross Societies and are under the authority and direction of the Military Government Section. The extent of these services will be determined by the demands made of the two Red Cross Societies by the Military Government Section and the facilities of the two Red Cross Societies.

The Red Cross Societies are available to assist in the supply on a relief basis of food, clothing, shelter and medical aid to displaced civilians to the same extent as they are available to assist in the care of the needy civilian resident population. They recognize that responsibility rests with the Military Government Section and all the activities of the Red Cross Societies in this connection are under the authority and direction of the Military Government Section.

A staff of approximately ten to fifteen American Red Cross personnel will be available for assignment by October 10. They will be supplemented after that date by the addition of British Red Cross personnel and other American Red Cross personnel as they become free for assignment.

/s/ W.H.G. Giblin
William H.G. Giblin
Director War Relief.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

OFFICE OF THE SURGEON

衛生部醫務司公署

SUBJECT:- A.M.G.O.T.

TO: D.D.M.S., 8th Army
D.P.M.S. No.1 District
D.P.M.S. No.2 District

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The following notes on the relationship between the Allied Military Government of Occupied Territory and/or the Armistice Commission Authority is forwarded for information. The attention of all Medical Officers, particularly those in Field Hygiene Sections and Field Ambulances should be drawn to these notes.

1. As its name implies the Allied Military Government of Occupied Territories (A.M.G.O.T.) is an organization devised to take over the charge of the civilian Government in occupied territory as soon as possible after the Fighting Forces have obtained possession of the Area.

One of the many functions of the A.M.G.O.T. organization is to ensure the health of the FIGHTING FORCES by maintaining the health of the civilian inhabitants of the occupied territory.

2. As a rule the A.M.G.O.T. organization will proceed the Armistice Commission authority and the latter will gradually take over from the A.M.G.O.T. organization.

3. There are representatives of the AMGOT detailed for duty in each theatre of operations, ready to commence their work as soon as the troops enter the area.

4. It is essential, therefore, that the D.P.M.S. and the A.D.M.S. maintain the closest possible touch with the A.M.G.O.T. organization or the Armistice Commission authority, as the case may be. This relationship must be originated before the operation commences and must be followed to its logical conclusion so that the Field Hygiene Section and Field Ambulance Commanders are fully conversant with the methods adopted by A.M.G.O.T. organization to maintain law and order and health in the occupied territories. Each Commander should personally meet and discuss matters with the appropriate A.M.G.O.T. representative in his area.

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Government in occupied territory as soon as possible after the fighting forces have obtained possession of the area.

One of the many functions of the A.M.G.O.T. organization is to ensure the health of the FIGHTING FORCES by maintaining the health of the civilian inhabitants of the occupied territory.

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6. The quantity of medical material that is normally carried with the forward medical units is barely sufficient to supply the needs of the fighting troops; administrative medical officers will therefore keep a careful survey of all medical stores and equipment that is issued on loan to the AMGOT authorities but will assist in this matter to the best of their ability, on demand from the appropriate authority, until such time as the normal AMGOT supplies become available and a return of the loaned stores is possible.

7. As the military occupation of Italy continues, it is probable that P of W Camps containing British, American and other P.O.F. will be taken over by the P. of W. Sub-Commission, an organization designed and equipped to deal, in all respects, with these camps. In addition there may be other camps containing a variety of P.O.F. with Persons (e.g. Internees) who will be cared for in the initial emergency stage by AMGOT assisted by the Advanced Displaced Persons Sub-Commission including as far as possible assistance from Red Cross personnel and the P. of W. Sub-Commission. It may be necessary, in the early stages, for the Army Medical Service to assist in the medical care of these camps. This aid comes under the same heading as that suggested in para 6.

7. Appendix "A" outlines the duties of the Public Health Division of AMGOT. From this App. will be seen the lines of which the Army Medical Authorities should direct their attention so as to ensure that their work and that of the AMGOT Sanitary Service are complementary.

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Surgeon, D.M.S.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER 4 OCT. BRIG STRONG TO BRIG GUTTERBOCK

(a) We will provide one specialist officer (Captain Tate) who will be attached permanently to the Staff of the Sub-Commission to advise on and organise the interrogation of persons handled by the Sub-Commission. We will also provide trained interrogators on the scale which the Sub-Commission decides is necessary.

(b) All sections of A.F.H.Q. and all other interested individuals seeking Intelligence from the foreign internees or displaced personnel should be instructed to do so by applying to Secretary Joint Intelligence Committee (Algiers).

(c) Each National Commission, which examines the internees, should have attached to it at least one officer for C.I. purposes and to see fair play. If you select the officers we will give necessary instructions.

(d) A form of registration for each person will be required. Interrogating officers whom we will send to you will be prepared to advise on procedure.

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