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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

20 JAN 1944

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PRIORITY

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FOR FARGO FOR HUME

(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : SEARS FOR POLETTI

DATE TIME SIGNED: 191630A

DATE TIME REC'D : 192310A

REFERENCE NR. : S-6039

CITE : WEL-7



SHELTER FACILITIES ARE READY AT PALERMO FOR A MAXIMUM
OF 200 PERSONS AT ANY ONE TIME REFERENCE YOUR PBS 5564. ALLOW
MINIMUM 3 DAYS INTERVAL BETWEEN SHIPMENTS.

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Action - AMG HQ
Dnfr - AMG Fifth Army
--- Army
--- CG

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how being dealt with
by Refugee Field Sect
(Lt Col Hulla) 31 JAN

(Note)

Rebelle under reference PBS 5564
is AMG's Army organization. A
copy of this cable go will be
noted from PBS distribution,
has gone to AMG's Army.

FORM #18-A

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27 DECEMBER 1943

Received at PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

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URGENT

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS (FOR FARGO)
(INFORMATION) : NONE
FROM : SEARS FOR POLETTI
DATE TIME SIGNED : 27L30A
DATE TIME REC'D : S-4965
SITE : RWE - 4

FOR USE WHILE IN TEMPORARY SHELTER BLANKETS ARE
AVAILABLE.

? Does this refer to 500 refugees - repatriation
to Sicily

Crypto Lt.J.R.Albano

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*Action by the Com Dir
chfr: HDP*

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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

23 DECEMBER 1943

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. PRIORITY

TO (ACTION) : FARGO

(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : SEARS FOR POLETTI

DATE TIME SIGNED: 231845A

DATE TIME REC'D : 232025A

REFERENCE NR. : S-4772

CITE : WEL-2

Action AMG Hgo
Info Sec
C.G.

SHELTER FACILITIES IN SIRACUSA NOT AVAILABLE CAN ACCEPT 200
FAMILIES IN GROUPS OF 100 PERSONS AT PALERMO WHERE TEMPORARY SHELTER
IS AVAILABLE.

Phoned Lt Col Borg 1230 hrs
25 DEC
to be taken further by him
with ARE + USA.

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FARGO

25 DEC +3

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IBS FOR BEARS FOR AMG REGION I

Awaiting reply JGRonehundrednine Dec 22. All arrangements completed this end. Red Cross personnel can accompany if necessary to assist disembarkation. Security check made here, no political refugees or disruptive elements discovered

J.F. NICKEL
Lt. Col., AGD,
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

WDE/ALB/mrd
1 February 1944

Ref/BI/309.01

SUBJECT: Movement of Displaced Persons

TO : A.F.H.C., M.G.S. (Att: Lt. Col. Jackling)

1. Reference your M.G.S. 3097 of 17 January, attached is copy of this Headquarters letter to Region I and copy of report by that Region.

2. Non-compliance with the regulations in future, will be dealt with by this Headquarters.

CHARLES V. SPOTYARD
Colonel, G.S.C.
D.C.C.A.C.

Encl. 2

Col Spofford 2099

FILE: REO 383.7

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

25/1/44

SUBJECT: Movement of Displaced Persons

TO : Colonel C. M. SPOFFORD - AMG HEADQUARTERS (Naples)

1. In the case of the authorizing of Mrs. Eugen Mautner, to accompany her husband, Capt. Eugen Mautner, to North Africa, Lt. C. P. Clark acted completely under direction given by Captain Maurice F. Neufeld, who was familiar with the case.

2. Captain Mautner had been ordered by medical authorities to North Africa for reasons of health, but had refused to go because he would not be separated from his wife. They are an older couple who have spent years in concentration camps during their escape from Hitler. Their appeals to AMG Headquarters, while located in Palermo, led to delay and no action. In desperation, when Captain Mautner was finally ordered to Africa, they appealed to this office. When it was determined that Mrs. Mautner had sufficient funds to live independently for two months while her husband was in the hospital in Africa and that, further more, she had friends in Algiers with whom she could live, permission was granted.

3. It was assumed, since medical authorities had ordered Captain Mautner to Africa, that prior arrangements for their reception had been made. The observations in paragraph two (2), while applicable in other cases, were not thought applicable in this case because of the medical aspects.

4. In the future, regulations in their application to displaced persons in Sicily will be strictly complied with. However, I wish to make it clear that Lt. Clark is in no sense responsible for the action in the Mautner case. Responsibility rests primarily with Captain Neufeld.



Charles Poletti
CHARLES POLETTI
Lt. Colonel
Regional Civil Affairs Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

Ref/AMG/309.01

WDN/AMG/mrd
20 January 1944

SUBJECT: Movement of Displaced Persons

TO : R.C.A.O., Region I

1. Reference is made to your letter EO/312.1 of 1 January 1944 and to a bearer letter authorizing Mrs. Eugen Mautner to accompany her husband, Capt. Eugen Mautner (Yugoslav) to North Africa, dated from Palermo, January 3, 1944, and signed by Lt. C. P. Clark.
2. It appears that this authorization was given without reference to the authorities in North Africa in accordance with instructions already laid down and with which Lt. Clark is familiar, a copy of the cable containing these instructions is attached for your information.
3. Failure to observe the regulations causes complications with the security and movement authorities, and, moreover, inflicts hardship on the individuals concerned, since no prior arrangements can be made for their reception in North Africa or other countries concerned.
4. In the particular case of Capt. and Mrs. Mautner, as no permanent facilities can be provided for them in North Africa it is probable that A.F.H.Q. will be required to arrange their movement to Middle East.
5. In the future the regulations in their application to Displaced persons in Sicily will be strictly complied with. Contravention will be regarded as a breach of discipline to be followed by action.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
D.C.C.A.O., AMG, HQ.

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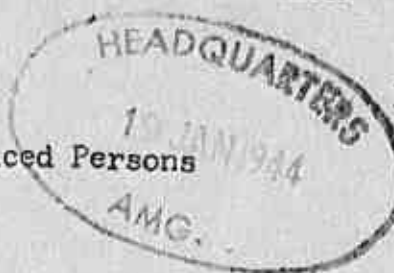
Military Government Section

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MGS-383.7

SUBJECT: Movement of Displaced Persons

TO : HQ AMG, C.M.F.



17 January 1944

Reference is made to the attached copies of correspondence concerning the movement from Sicily to North Africa of two Yugoslav Nationals.

1. Procedure for the evacuation of displaced persons is laid down in our message 5348 of 25 November, as amended by our letter MGS-321-12 of 28 December. In this case, however, as in previous instances of movements of displaced persons from Sicily to North Africa, the regulations have not been observed. Confirmation may be obtained by reference to our letter MGS-321-12 of 28 November concerning the evacuation of two persons of Czech and Polish nationality, respectively, and of the movement to North Africa of a party of some forty displaced persons.

2. Whilst the motive which prompted the evacuation of Capt. and Mrs. Mautner is appreciated, it is requested that you will inform RCAF Region 1 that further breaches of the regulations obtaining in regard to the repatriation or evacuation of displaced persons will not take place. In future the regulations in their application to displaced persons in Sicily will be strictly complied with and, where necessary, action will be taken in respect of further contravention. Your communication should make it clear that failure to observe the regulations causes complications with the French authorities and with the security and movement authorities, and, moreover, inflicts hardship on the individuals concerned since no prior arrangements can be made for their reception in this country.

3. As no permanent facilities can be provided for Capt. and Mrs. Mautner in North Africa, it is probable that this Headquarters will be required to arrange their movement to Middle East.

D. S. Jackling
D. S. JACKLING
Lt. Colonel.

Incls. as above.

Copy to:

HQ Allied Control Commission (with enclosures)
Attention: Displaced Persons Sub-Commission

Your attention is drawn to para 1 of copy letter from HQ AMG Region 1, and to copy of an authority given by Lt. Clark of your Sub-Commission.

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C O P Y

WAR ORGANISATION
OF THE
BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY and ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM

19 Place Hoche.
Algiers.

Subject. Yugo Slav national
(civilian.)

Jan 15th 1944

Major Walker.
Allied Military Government Section.
A.F.H.Q.

Mrs. EUGEN MAUTNER

Major Wishart, Embarkation Medical Officer, notified this office on Thursday, Jan 13th, that a Yugo Slav officer had arrived on the Hospital train, accompanied by his wife. The officer, who seemingly was rather ill, was to be a patient in 99th General Hospital, where he was taken from the train in an ambulance, his wife going with him. Major Wishart begged our assistance, as he had, naturally, no means of dealing with the unexpected arrival of a civilian woman.

Mrs. Mautner was brought back from 99th General Hospital to this office, and was taken to see Lt. Obrenovic of the Yugo Slav Military Mission. This officer was away, but Mrs. Mautner was given accommodation and it was thought the matter was settled satisfactorily.

On Friday, Jan 14th, Lt. Obrenovic called at this office with Mrs Mautner to say that the Military Mission was not able to take care of Mrs. Mautner as their function was solely military. He asked that we try to find some work for this lady as if she could manage to earn enough to keep herself here she would have to return to the camp at Palermo. Under the sad circumstances, it seemed very hard if this should have to be necessary. Mrs. Mautner speaks a few words of English and a very little French. We regret very much that we have absolutely no work that we can offer Mrs. Mautner owing to the language difficulty. We have also no available accommodation, and the ration question would be impossible.

We are going this morning to see the Yugo Slav consul, and the American Red Cross who have a much wider field of activity, owing to their civilian work, to see if work can be found. The Consul, who should normally look after a Yugo Slav national, may reply that the British authorities brought this woman here and he had no facilities for helping her.

We will let you know the result of our enquiries as soon as possible.

/s/ Cicely W. Carvell
O. C. Welfare Unit.

3 enclosures.

Since writing Mrs. Mautner has called and tells us that she has found living room with a Yugo Slav family. We will get in touch with Lt. Obrenovic and ascertain how long she can remain, and whether there is still the necessity for her to find work.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

File: WO/312.1.

1/1/1944

The bearers of this letter, Capt. Eugen Mautner and Mrs. Mautner, are travelling with the permission of this office and with the permission of the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, AGC.

Capt. Mautner is suffering from Bronchial Asthma, acute and chronic, cause undetermined. Chest X-Rays are suggestive of tuberculosis. He has been ordered by medical authorities of the 59th Evacuation Hospital to proceed to Africa for treatment.

In order not to separate this couple who have suffered greatly as a result of this war and who have spent over two years in concentration camp in Calabria, permission has been granted to them to travel together.

This office would appreciate any consideration and courtesy shown to them.

(Signed)

CHARLES FOLETTI
Lt. Colonel,
R.C.A.C.

Governo Militare Alleato
Quartiere Generale
Regionale Della
Sicilia

Firma Charles Foletti
Data January 3, 1944

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ADDRESSED FOR ACTION TO : FARGO AND FATIMA
INFORMATION TO :
FROM : HISENHOWER
IN REPLY REFER TO : 5348, FHMGS

IBS // : 4279
TIME SENT : 251425A nov
TIME RCVD : 261715A nov
PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

Reference your B 742 of 9 November. "SECRET"

For EUCALYPTUS CAMP, MATSON CAREE, ALGIERS. Expect to be able to send mission for attachment Displaced Persons Sub-Commission within a few weeks: 7 Poles. Remain pending decision as to disposal

8 Turks. Instructions being obtained. Will notify you when received.

9 Roumainians, Hungarians, Bulgarians, Austrians, and stateless persons will be retained.

It is to be clearly understood that no displaced persons of any category whatsoever will be moved for repatriation to North Africa, nor to any other country or theatre, except in accordance with following procedure:

- (a) Displaced persons first to have been screened.
- (b) After screening full personal details of personnel on Proforma as notified in our MIS 321-12 of 6 November will be forwarded to this Headquarters for approval by G-2 (CI). After examination Proforma will be returned to you as in (c).
- (c) Approval or refusal for movement of specific personnel will be notified to you.
- (d) After receipt approval you will arrange movement, making necessary arrangements for care or custody of personnel during transit, and notifying this Headquarters in advance of port or policy in regard to disposal displaced persons.

The following directions will be read as operating only after screening or individuals all nationalities, and after their receipt by Sub-Commission:

1. FRENCH. Evacuates in accordance with existing instructions in consultation with accredited French Mission.
2. YUGOSLAV. New Policy will be notified shortly. Meantime retain and keep busy, taking steps to segregate conflicting elements to avoid strife. (Our 7513 of 6 November refers)

Page 2.

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3. CZECHS. Retain pending arrival of Mission from Czech Government to be attached to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. (Our 7513 of 6 November also refers)
4. CHINESE. Chinese Government unable to assist in disposal. Do not evacuate but provide such employment as possible.
5. GREEKS. Male personnel of Military age and capable of Military Service to be evacuated to Mideast. Remainder to be held awaiting arrival of Military Representatives of the Greek Government.
6. RUSSIANS. All Russians willing to be repatriated should be EVACUATED to North Africa airfield to which personnel is being sent.

Ensure PW Sub-Commission is informed.

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COL MATHEWS, STG O.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED MILITARY SERVICES
A-0 394

Ref: A-0 394.

16 January 1944

Subject: Procedure to be followed in cases of desertion of Regular
Army personnel from Italian Army presenting themselves at Italian
military authorities.

To: Italian Army, Region I

1. Any person presenting himself as Italian military personnel
and suspected of being a deserter from the Italian Army should be
interviewed as follows:

Name
Rank
Branch and Unit
Date and place of birth
Nationality
Length of service in Italian Army

2. Whether or not the person is of non-Italian blood and irrespec-
tive of his nationality of origin, he is to be detained after being as-
signed any treatment considered necessary (e.g. feeding, washing, medical
inspection, etc.) in the interests of order and discipline of the camp generally.

3. Immediate communication should be made to:

- (a) A-0 394, I.C.S.
- (b) A-0 394, I.C.S., who will notify Italian
Police authorities - I.C.S.

giving particulars as in paragraph 1 above.

4. No communication with inmates of the camp should be permitted.

5. On the request of the Italian Military authorities, through
A-0 394, channels, the person will be handed over to the Italian
authorities.

6. No action should be taken in respect of such persons as would
be considered into custody in connection with the Italian Army or into
harboring such deserters.

7. The above procedure will be followed immediately in respect to the 10 soldiers of Yugoslav blood reported as having arrived (in small numbers) during recent days.

8. Report will be sent this headquarters on all cases falling to be dealt with under the above outlined procedure, report to show the ultimate disposal of the subject.

9. It should be impressed on all subjects that as members of a military force they are subject to the disciplinary code of that force until formally released under terms and conditions to be decided by that force which will receive instructions from the United Nations.

Charles H. GUSTAFSON
Colonel, U.S.C.
D.C. 20310, Wash., D.C.

Copy for

Disposal of Prisoners of War (2)
D.C. 20310

Form 100-2005A

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10 JANUARY 1944

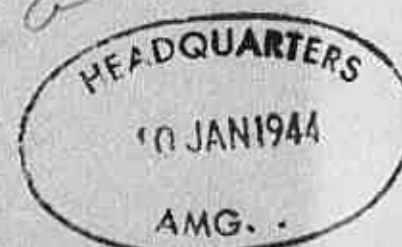
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SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

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TO (ACTION) : CG PBS (FOR FARGO FOR SPOFFORD)
 (INFORMATION) : NONE
 FROM : FATIMA SIGNED JOYCE
 DATE TIME SIGNED: 091515A
 DATE TIME REC'D : 092005A
 REFERENCE NR. : 1905
 CITE : NONE

action AMG Hq
Info sec
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FOLLOWING CABLE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM SEARS FOR ROGERS FOR CLARK: "SERIOUS PROBLEM HAS ARISEN. SOME 40 ITALIAN SOLDIERS OF YUGOSLAV BLOOD DESERTING FROM ITALIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND ENTERING PALERMO CAMP IN SMALL NUMBERS. LIEUTENANTS FLEFFNAC AND MACUN, REQUEST THEY BE HOUSED FED AND CLOTHED TILL DECISION BY HIGHER AUTHORITY AS TO THEIR STATUS AS YUGOSLAV NATIONALS. AN IMMEDIATE DECISION IS REQUESTED AS TO THE PROPRIETY OF HARBORING THESE DESERTERS. SUBJECT IS ALSO COVERED IN MONTHLY REPORT." THIS MESSAGE IS TRANSMITTED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION WITH THE COMMENT THAT ACC IS OPPOSED TO ANY ACTION WHICH SHOULD SUGGEST HARBORING OR ENCOURAGING DESERTERS FROM THE ITALIAN ARMY.

Dec 15 (051)
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draft instructions
1-14-44

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14 JANUARY 44

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ROUTINE

FATIMA REAR FOR DISPLACED PERSONS

Cable paraphrase from Poletti referring Fargo
92 of 5 January quote Lt. Clark assigned Camp Operator Public Health
Section supervising. Does Region act for ACG all matters relating
Displaced Persons. If so under what policies and instructions
unquote Cite Fargo 298 answers

J.F. NICKEL 312
Lt. Col. AGD
Adjutant General

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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

12 JANUARY 1944

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TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FOR FARGO FOR SPOFFORD

(INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : SEARS FOR POLETTI

DATE TIME SIGNED: 121200A

DATE TIME REC'D : 121640A

REFERENCE NR. : S-5718

CITE : WEL-6



CARE FOR DISPLACED PERSONS PALERMO TRANSFERRED TO CONTROL OF
REGION 1, 10 JANUARY 44. (YOUR REFERENCE AMG/309 OF 5 JANUARY 44).
LT CLARK ASSIGNED AS CAMP OPERATOR UNDER SUPERVISION PUBLIC HEALTH
SECTION. DOES REGION 1 NOW ACT FOR ACC IN ALL MATTERS RELATING TO CARE
AND DISPOSAL OF DISPLACED PERSONS. IF SO UNDER WHAT INSTRUCTIONS AND
POLICIES.

Action - AMG HQ
Info - Sears
- C.G.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

WDF/AMG/wrd

5 January 1944

AMG/309. (Ref.)

SUBJECT: Palermo Camp - Displaced Persons

TO : R.C.A.O., Region I

1. Confirming our cable FARGO 92 you will, w.e.f. 10 January 1944 take over charge and control of Palermo Camp for Displaced Persons.

2. Lieut. Clark, G.P. (American) is being assigned to Region I for duty as camp Operator.

3. It is assumed that you will place this Camp Operator under the supervision of the Public Health Sub-Division.

4. Reports relating to camp and Displaced Persons matters should be made direct to Internees and Displaced Persons Subcommittee, Allied Control Commission with copy to this Headquarters for information.

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CHARLES W. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
D.C.C.A.O., AMG, HQ.

Dist.

Rear Hq. AMG, Palermo
I. & D.P. Subcommittee
A.C.C. Brindisi

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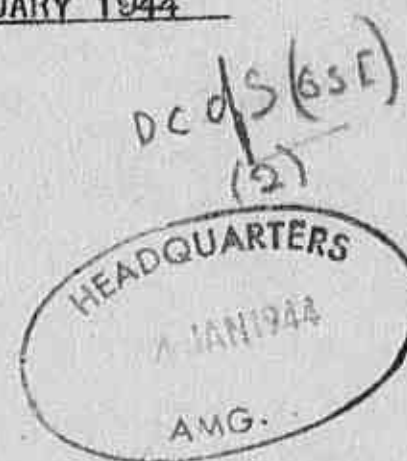
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PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER4 JANUARY 1944**SECRET****PRIORITY**

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS FOR FARGO
 (INFORMATION) : NONE
 FROM : SEARS FOR ROGERS FOR PERSELL
 DATE TIME SIGNED: 031700A
 DATE TIME REC'D : 032205A
 REFERENCE NR. : S-5310
 CITE : ROGERS 1345



REQUEST DECISION AS TO DATE OF TURNOVER OF PALERMO DISPLACED
 PERSONS CAMP CITE CABLE 1275 DATED 21 DEC FROM ROGERS. DIRECT ORDER
 TO REGION 1 TO ACCEPT CAMP AND DECISION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT LT CLARK
 AM IS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO REGION 1 TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE CAMP.

Action AMG Hq. ✓
~~Info AMG Hq. #1~~
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FORMA 1430

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SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

22 DECEMBER 1943

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ALBRIGHT

TO (ACTION) : CG PBS (TO PENCE FOR GUETERBOCK)

• (INFORMATION) : NONE

FROM : SEARS FOR ROGERS

DATE TIME SIGNED: 211800A

DATE TIME REC'D : 212315A

REFERENCE NR. : S-4654

CITE : ROGERS 1275

(THE FOLLOWING IS PARAPHRASE OF CABLE 1418 FROM FATIMA
DISPLACED PERSONS TO FARGO FOR DISPLACED PERSONS)

PALERMO CAMP SUBJECT. AND BASIC DOCUMENTS ON YOUR CHANGING STATION. PUBLIC HEALTH REGION 1 WILL REQUIRE. FORWARD ALL REMAINING DOCUMENTS RELATIVE, FOR REGION 1 IN YOUR POSSESSION NOTIFY THIS HQ WHAT DOCUMENTS HANDED OVER.

REGION 1 REQUIRES DIRECT ORDER FROM HQ AMG TO TAKE OVER
CAMP INCLUDING DIRECTION AS TO DATE OF TAKING OVER AND UTILIZATION
OF REGION PERSONNEL. LT CLARK REAR LINK DISPLACED PERSONS SUB COM-
MISSION AT PALERMO WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO REGION 1 TO OPERATE CAMP.

Alk. ben. chl.

H. G. MacFarland, For info.

✓ Ans 22

FORM #48-A

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A Yugoslav Captain called at the Public Welfare Office Bank of Italy looking for a Major Hamilton Hill. He had a note signed by an American Captain in Bari requesting that he see Major Hamilton Hill of the Special Force. Not knowing where Special Force was located I called the 7th Army but they didn't have any information regarding Major Hamilton Hill. I then called TBS and was able to determine that Major Hamilton Hill was located there. In the course of the conversation the Captain mentioned that if he had time he would like to visit the Yugoslav camp in Palermo. He was probably referred to our office originally since we (Public Welfare) have been active in the supervision of the Yugoslav camp in Palermo. Later in the afternoon Lt. Leontovic formerly the Camp Commandant called in the office asking that I see a certain paper which he wanted to present to Major Orfford White. I told

him that I couldn't approve of the matter since it was not within my power. When I asked if he received a visit from the Yugoslav Captain he stated no but that he would like to get in touch with him. Since Lt. Leonotvic is a regular Yugoslav officer I referred him to Major Hamilton Hill. If Lt. Leonotvic is a representative of the Yugoslavs in Palermo and very anxious to get into army. I thought at that time that if he wanted to reach another officer of the Yugoslav Army that Major Hamilton Hill could best direct him. As far as I know I had no information about any secrecy being involved and certainly did not disclose in any manner any secret information.

Lt. Andrew Heck

P.A. 8R
HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

22 December 1943

SUBJECT : Reception of Officers.

TO : Director Internees & D. P. Sub-Commission.

1. Attached are:

- a) Report of conducting officer - 25 Refugees from Siracusa to Palermo.
- b) Report by Lt. Clark (in original and type copy).

2. Lt. Clark was ordered to proceed to Siracusa to meet this party after receipt of instructions from A.P.H.Q. regarding expecting arrival.

3. Considerable inconvenience was occasioned at Hq. A.M.G. Palermo by reason of the fact that Lt. Clark did not accompany the party as instructed.

4. It is considered that this officer should be warned for future guidance that under similar circumstances his duty is to remain at the designated point of duty where he would generally be better prepared to meet all eventualities.

5. No other action will be taken on this occasion.

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Colonel G.S.C.
D.C.C.A.C. HQ.AMG.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

18 December 1943

SUBJECT: Itinerary of Lt. G.P. Clark-D.P.S.C.

TO : Major Drifffield-White.

1. Left Palermo via Diesel Train in company with Lt. Macun (Yugo-Slav) 0800-11 Dec. 1943- Destination Siracusa Mission to bring back to Palermo Camp some 42 Internees, proceeding from Phillipville, North Africa to Siracusa, via Bost-Ville D'Oran by name.
2. 1500- 11 Dec. arrived Catania, conferred with Lt. Col. R. A. Curtus (B) A.G. in re arrival of Ship Villa D'Oran at Siracusa, also transportation to Siracusa.
3. Col. Curtus advised that ship would not leave Phillipville for at least two or three days, he suggested remaining at Catania overnight and offered drive Lt. Macun and myself to Siracusa the following morning 12 Dec. This offer was accepted. Col. Curtus stated he was particularly anxious for Lt. Macun to visit the Prisoner of War Camp at Siracusa and speak to the PW's of Yugo-Slav extraction, and advise them everything was being done by both Governments to expedite their departure to N. Africa to join up with a newly formed Yugo-Slav Contingent.
4. It was the Colonel's thought such an act of Macun's would serve as a psychological as well as a morale tonic. Colonel Curtus expressed a wish to be present as a British Representative, thus his reason for driving us to Siracusa.
5. Left Catania Sunday A.M.-December 12, via motor for Siracusa in company of Col. Curtus. Arrived Siracusa noon-12 December, proceeded immediately to British Hqts., conferred with Brigadier Mosely (B), Lt. Col. Wood (B), all agreed Macun's visit and talk to Yugo-Slavs would be of great value. At 1500-12 December, Col. Curtus, Macun and myself visited P of W Camp. Conferred with Lt. Col. Lang (B) Commandant of P.W. Camp. Macun addressed group, promised to return the following day 13 Dec., Monday.

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6. Monday-13 Dec. visited British Hqts. to check on arrival of Villa D'Oran, no news of even departure. Appropriate arrangements were made to secure Diesel engine train to transport internees back to Palermo. Arrangements were also made for stations for entire group, with special attention for the women.

7. On Dec. 13, Macun and I were informed by Lt. Col. Wood that there was a group of some 388 P. of W. of Yugo-Slav background who were arriving at the Siracusa P. of W. Camp from Palermo, and some Yugo-Slavs from other places who were bound for N. Africa. Col. Wood was of the impression that Macun could do a real service by speaking to these Yugo-Slavs.

8. On Tuesday-14 Dec. Macun addressed this group. The writer was always the company of Macun on these visits and talks. On 14 Dec. information as usual was sought as to departure of Villa D'Oran. Information furnished was that ship would not sail from Phillipville till either the 18 or 19 Dec.

9. On 15 Dec. Macun advised the writer there were a number of soldiers of the Italian Army of Yugo-Slav blood in Catania, and so long as the ship was not scheduled to sail till 18 or 19 Dec., he would like to visit and talk with them, as he had done in the Siracusa P of W Camp. The writer saw nothing objectionable to this request and in company with Macun visited Lt. Col. Wood (B) and sought the latter's advise as to the wisdom of such a trip.

10. NOTE- Catania is only 1 1/2 hours motor distance from Siracuse. Lt. Col. Wood saw no objection, he thought it a worthwhile act on Macun's part. He ther-upon arranged transportation for Macun and myself and we proceeded to Catania at 1530-15 Dec., arriving Catania 1830. We proceeded immediately to Col. Curtus's office to check departure of Villa D'Oran, also to advise and confer with Col. Curtus in re Macun's wish.

11. Col. Curtus advised that the only news he had was that the Villa D'Oran would not leave Phillipville till 19 December.

12. The writer advised Col. Curtus that he would like to return to Siracusa sometime on the 16 Dec. Thursday. Col. Curtus stated that there was no need to go back till Saturday, 18 Dec. Since ship would not sail till either 18 or 19 Dec., also there was a Major Dunn (B) leaving Catania for Siracusa on Saturday 0845 via motor, he immediately arranged for Macun and myself to accompany Major Dunn, this was agreed too. NOTE: Catania is the original source of information for all movements.

13. Macun discussed his wish to visit these Italian soldiers of Yugo-Slav blood. Col. Curtus said he would have to discuss it with higher authority, as it was a pretty sensitive request. This request on Macun's part in Col. Curtus's opinion required a discussion as he put it "by higher authority". He asked Macun and myself to return Thursday, 16 Dec., this was agreed too. On 16 Dec. a lengthy discussion was had on Macun's request, indulged in by numerous British officers individually. Again information was sought as to departure of Villa D'Oran. Col. Curtus advised that the information was the same as it would not sail till 19 Dec.

14. Col. Curtus requested that we return Friday afternoon for a further discussion as to Macun's request. Macun's request was discreetly rejected for the time being. At 1700 hours 17 Dec. the writer asked Col. Curtus if he would be good enough to check on Villa D'Oran's movement, this he did. Much to the Colonel's amazement and our own, he was advised that the ship had sailed Thurs. 16 Dec. from Phillipville, had arrived Siracusa, Friday 17 Dec. and the internees had been placed aboard Diesel train at 1600 hrs. bound for Palermo. Obviously, the Colonel was most embarrassed. I suggested immediate transportation be furnished us and their R.T.O. at Palermo be advised to hold them (internees) if practical till our arrival, which was contemplated at 0700 Saturday. The best transportation available was a plane leaving Catania at 0725 hrs. Sat. 18 Dec. due in Palermo 0810 hrs. Col. Curtus arranged a priority for Macun and myself. We left Catania at 0810 this morning and arrived Palermo 1010 A.M. after a most perilous journey.

15. The writer does not wish to be apologetic, feeling that such would be a confession of weakness, but I must mention that the report has been written under adverse conditions known to the recipient of this report who has requested it.

16. The writer has nothing but the highest commendation (not wishing to be presumptuous) and appreciation for the co-operation and courtesy by not only Col. Curtus, but all British Officers whom Maloun and myself had occasion to meet with concerning our mission.

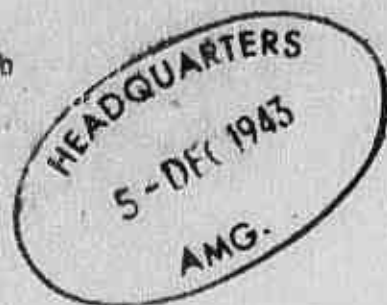
17. The writer does not pretend nor neither does he wish to speculate on the reason for the mis-information regarding the departure of the Villa D'Oran.

18. Col. Curtus advised the writer that if compitent authority in this organization wished to ascertain any information that he would be pleased to furnish the desired information.

19. Please see attached Movement authority from Colonel Curtus.

CHARLES P. CLARK,
Lieut. U.S. Army.

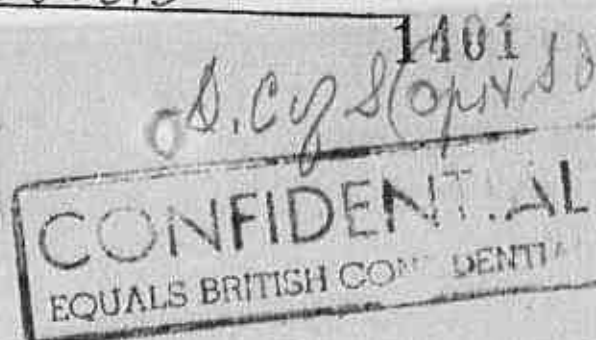
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1. Found recently in Sardinia are the following displaced persons and ex-Prisoners of War. Arrangements made for persons listed below for administration which include securing of records, details length of confinement from Italian authorities and preparation of nominal role. If possible screening will be undertaken.

- (A) PW. Greek 18, Yugoslav 9.
- (B) Displaced persons. 3 Greek, 55 Yugoslav, and 90 Montenegrin Guerrillas in addition whose status not clear but believed to be displaced persons.
- (C) Total of 175 for all categories.

2. At the earliest possible time we would like to arrange their evacuation to Italy or Sicily. Upon inquiry from movement authorities they advise that there will be no difficulty in transportation to Sicily but any movement to Italy would require journey by land after disembarkation in Sicily.

3. It is requested that you report under the following headings after consulting PW Sub Commissions:

- (A) Location of camp to which personnel should be directed.
- (B) Confirmation that personnel should be shipped to Palermo.
- (C) Date by which you can accept personnel.

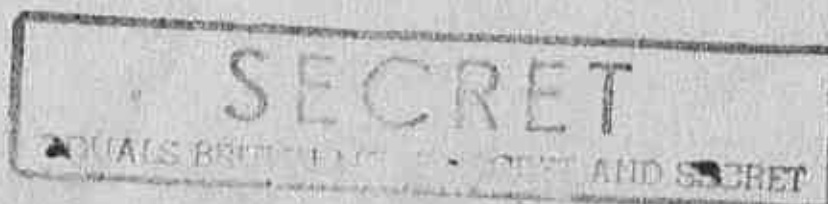
When these details have been forwarded by you we will inform FABLE for Boulogne and repeat to you any preliminary arrangements for transportation that we will make. After this has been done the remaining details will be arranged mutually and between your 2 Headquarters directly.

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MEMORANDUM
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

4 December 1943

SUBJECT: Progress Report (Palermo Camp)

TO : Lt. Colonel E.H. McFarland

The camp was taken over by the writer November 16, 1943. The present personnel of the camp is comprised of the following:-

	Men	Women
Yugoslavs	63	6
Greeks	3	2
Czechs	1	2

Making a total of 79 - of these 1 Yugoslav and 3 Greeks are hospitalized.

There are 2 Poles not included in above compilation who are living away from the camp. - A married couple.

Of the above number the following have had military service in this war:-
6 have served in the Italian Army.

3	"	"	Greek
1	has	"	"
5	have	"	"

We have a complete registration list of all of the internees in the Palermo Camp and those living outside the Camp.

Summary

Under our authority "all displaced persons other than enemy nationals will be covered by the accredited representatives of their own government under the supervision of Intelligence Officers provided from the staff of this Sub-Office, duly briefed by G II".

It has never been clear whether the Palermo Camp internees have been screened. Efforts are being made to obtain this information. In this connection the writer supervised the screening of two Poles living away from the camp, a Mr. and Mrs. A. Hansen. The interrogation was conducted by a Commander (Navy) Fred Barst, an accredited representative of the Polish Government who is presently in Palermo. In this connection also a liaison has been established with Colonel Young (B) Chief of Security Intelligence of A.C.C. -

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Registration

The office has been in receipt of many oral inquiries as to when various Nationals can expect to return to such places, as Libya, Tunis, Tripoli, and elsewhere. - Since no policy has been formulated on this point as yet, no commitments have been made. As of 9 Nov. '43 there were 1249 seeking repatriation, as of November 30, 1943 this number mounted to 4467. Please note attached Exhibit A.

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Information is now at hand that Repatriation will be permitted, conditioned on immigration regulations, employment, housing, financial condition and other considerations.

Employment of Internees

Under our authority we are charged with the responsibility to "arrange with appropriate authorities when possible for the provision of employment for such persons subject to instructions of AFHQ."

There has been secured from the Palermo Camp Commandant, Major Milevic, a list of the civilian pursuits of the Internees. Appropriate contacts with proper authorities are being made.

General Welfare of Internees

This Sub-Commission is charged with the responsibility to "Arrange with appropriate authorities for the provision of accommodation, food, clothing, welfare and health services for such persons".

In this connection liaison has been established with Public Health and Public Welfare Officials of Region I. Contact has also been established with the American Red Cross, through a Mr. Kirkwood of the latter organization; there has been received a variety of "games" which will be used at the Palermo Camp.

Liaison has also been established with the Public Utilities and Transportation Division of Region I.

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Prisoner of War Section - Provost Marshal General's Office -

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Morale of Internees in Palermo Camp

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This past week there arrived a Captain Christian Fouchet accredited French Representative. There were no French Nationals for Captain Fouchet to interview. Appropriate arrangements were made for his proceeding to Brindisi. He left Palermo the morning of December 1.

On Nov. 28 there arrived a Commander Karl E. Durski (Polish Navy) accredited representative - See reference ante to screening - Commander Durski is still in Palermo. Arrangements will be made to transport him to Brindisi, as soon as authority is granted for him to join Allied Commission.

Duties of Rear Link

The writer took over the functions of Rear Link on December 1, 1943. It was urgently requested of the Deputy Director that one of our enlisted men be left behind to act as an interpreter and render clerical assistance as you instructed. This request was rejected. The deputy chief advised that there were two British orderlies assigned to the Sub-Commission when he described "as useless" and that I might avail myself of the services of one of them. As a result I am enervating on the duties and functions of the Sub-Commission alone.

I have had many conferences with Major Driffeld-white (in) assistant to our Deputy Chief of Staff - concerning matters affecting the Sub-Commission. Major Driffeld-white has been most helpful and cooperative.

Henceforth I shall submit weekly progress reports on the activities of the Sub-Commission.

CHARLES P. CLARK
Lt. C.M.P.
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